

Belief and Creativity

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Summary: Two mortal girls get sent to another dimension to seek their destinys. With the help of the guardians and others they would overcome fear and chaos. Oc/Bunny Lots of Adventure, with a dash of comedy and a sprinkle of romance.

1. Welcome to a New World

On a cold october night, two friends were walking home from a party. Their laughter filled the air. The cherry headed girl was grinning from ear to ear as she held her golden clutch in her hand. Her eyes on her best friend, the whole time.

"Your parents are going to be mad, we stayed later than we were supposed to," Lena the brunette girl said.

"Don't worry, I can try to persuade them with my cooking," Ashley joked but then got serious. "Yes they wouldâ€|"

"How are we going to explain it to them?"

"How about we tell them the truth?"

"That we both lost track of time?" Ashley asked as she raised a brow. "My parents would think we were lying. They would think we would be with boys."

"Me with a boy?"Lena asked. "Like that'll happen?"

Ashley then turned to look at her with a look of seriousness. "You know that you'll find the right one, it just takes time."

"I know," she sighed.

They were just walking around a corner, where no lights shined. Their neighborhood usually had lights on the main streets. That was it. It was around midnight, and they should've gotten back to Ashley's house

an hour or two ago. They had so much fun that they lost track of time, and walking in the dark was their punishment. Though Ashley and Lena didn't seem to mind it that much. At the moment the moon was hiding behind the clouds, blocking its rays.

It wasn't until a few blocks away from Ashley's home that something odd happened to them. Ashley soon stopped at a street sign and looked up to see what it said, with the help of her cellphone. She shone her light on it and it read: Main street.

"We only have a couple more blocks to go."

Lena nodded, "Ok,"

Both her and Ashley stepped into the street to cross when the full moon came out from behind the clouds. Its rays hitting the pavement that they walked onto. In a manner of seconds they were transported from Warminster to a workshop. Not just any workshop though. North's toy workshop. Ashley and Lena stopped in confusion. Neither of them knew how they got there. Though the more they looked, the more they were amazed. Toy planes were flying overhead and little elves were running around. Then Ashley and Lena looked at each other. Their smiles growing big.

"NORTH'S WORKSHOP!" She exclaimed but then blinked as she realized something. "How did we get here? Wasn't this in a movie?"

"Yeahâ€¦.but something tells me that this is all too real to be a movie set."

With that being said, they heard a voice from behind the wooden door that stood in front of them. They both turned to look at it as it opened. There in the doorway was North himself. His 'Naughty and Nice' tattoos showing, and his beard as white as snow. At first North was quiet as he spotted the two girls. Then he crossed his arms and spoke.

"How did you two get in here?" He asked but then blinked as he saw the black dresses that they wore. He then narrowed his eyes. "You're working with Pitch aren't you!" He demanded.

Ashley was the one who took a step closer to him to try and explain. She shook her head and waved her arms frantically. "No! We aren't with Pitch! We justâ€¦.popped up here."

Lena sighed and facepalmed at her friend's explanation. "Nice explanation there Ashley."

Ashley just sighed. North wasn't convinced one bit. So Ashley tried again. "W..what I mean isâ€¦" but North flat out ignored her and headed to the signal machine. Both Ashley and Lena bit their lips and followed.

Soon North stood beside the lever and looked at the two. "We shall see if you are a threat or not." With that he pulled down his lever and the signal was sent.

2. Meet the Guardians

"You HAD to call the rest of the guardians?" Lena asked sarcastically.

North was shocked that this little lady knew that he just pulled the signal for the others. He raised a brow and looked her straight in the eyes. "How do you know this?"

"U...umâ€¦|.."

Ashley cut in to help Lena out by cutting into the conversation, "It's hard to explain."

North folded his arms once more, "Explain yourselves. I have all the time in the world."

"Of course you do Mr. Cossack,"

North blinked again. "How do you know that I was a Cossack?"

Lena bit her lip and shrugged, "Read it in a book?" She said sheepishly.

Ashley was going to say something but then Tooth flew in. Her eyes wide and she looked around nervously. "I...Is...Pitch back?" Baby tooth was by her side as she asked this, she was just as nervous as tooth was.

Ashley, Lena and North turned to look at the frightened fairy. The two newcomers decided to be quiet for the moment. North took this opportunity to try and calm his friend down.

"No tooth, we haveâ€¦|.'newcomers'."

Tooth started to calm down and turned to look at the girls dressed in black. "Newcomers?" She asked.

Ashley stepped forward and nodded, "Y..yeah. We just magically popped up into North's office. We don't know how."

"Popped up?" She asked once more. Then she turned to look at North, who shrugged as well.

"I came in here, and there they were. Though I don't trust themâ€¦|"

Lena then cut in, "Wow, that's offensive. Coming from the guy who stuffed a kid into a sack and threw him into a magic portal."

North blinked but decided to continue on from his last sentence. "As I was saying...I don't trust these two. They are dressed in black, and could be working with Pitch."

Ashley just watched as Lena threw in another sarcastic remark. "Haven't you heard the saying: Don't judge a book by its cover?"

"She's got a point there," Ashley said as she crossed her arms and held one out to flourish the point.

Tooth shook her head in agreement. North was just getting frustrated more but he turned his attention to the sound of propellers. Sandy was coming in for a landing. Coming in through the open window, a golden plane of sand came down and landed and dissolved. Sandy floated over to North and Tooth with a question mark over his head.

Ashley and Lena watched with bright eyes. Ashley was on the verge of squealing, and Lena knew it.

Lena bent over to whisper into Ashley's ear and said, "Don't squealâ€¦please." She begged. Ashley nodded and tried to control her excitement.

After the guardians talked amongst the three of them, Sandy finally noticed the two girls. They were huddled next to each other. Looking straight at him with amazement. He tilted his head and floated over.

Lena got the courage to raise a hand and wave at him. "H..hi," she said timidly. Ashley followed her lead with a wave of her own. Sandy waved back and smiled at North and Tooth as if to say they were harmless. Tooth seemed to relax more, but North was still unsure. A few minutes later another guardian appears. Out from a hole in the ground came Bunnymund. His grey-ish blue fur shimmered with bits of frost.

He turned to North and pointed a finger at him. "It better be good North," he stated with his Australian accent. Ashley perked up as she heard her favorite guardian appear. Lena watched her friend in amusement.

"We seemed to have a couple of new faces here,"

Bunnymund raised a brow and turned to look at the two girls huddling close until he looked at Lena who began to smirk.

"Well isn't it the Easter kangaroo?" Lena said with glint in her eye.

He blinked and started to walk up to her. His eyes narrowing as he came closer. "What...did you call me?" He said and poked her chest.

Ashley watched her friend with a dumbfounded look and shook her head. Before Lena could reply, someone replied for her.

"She said, I heard it clear, That YOU are an Easter kangaroo."

Everyone turned to look at Frost leaning against the window frame. A playful smirk on his face.

"Oi, Frosty why did you take so long? The signal sent an hour ago," he said sarcastically. Frost rolls his eyes and flew down to the others. The guardians were starting to talk amongst themselves. Ashley thought it was a perfect time to interrogate her friend.

She leaned over to whisper in her ear, "_WHY did you say that!?"_

Lena responded with a quiet laugh, "I couldn't resist."

Ashley just rolled her eyes and looked back to the group. Every once in a while someone would look at them, then look at the group again. Ashley only heard one sentence.

"What are we going to do with them?"

Me and my friend are doing this story together. So it's whenever I am with my friend that we complete chapters. So please hold on. Thank you for viewing!

3. Meet the new spirits

Regular font: Normal Talk

Italic: Manny

From the open window that Jack came through, the moon appeared. It's blue-white rays shined down on the decorative tiles. Ashley and Lena spotted it and looked to see if the other guardians noticed it. This is the second time that they didn't know manny was there, the first time was in the movie. The only one who saw manny besides the two girls was Sandy. Though being mute, gave him little help to get his friends' attention. Through the many images that Sandy made over his head, he still couldn't get them to see. He looked around and spotted the elves.

Before Sandy could pick one up and shake it around like a doll, Lena rose a hand and said, "I'll handle this." With that she turned to look at the others and shouted. "Hey! Manny is here."

As she shouted the elf who just missed being thrown around wiped his brow and made a 'pew' sound. When Lena shouted all the other guardians jumped at her loud voice. Sandy on the other hand was quietly clapping at her with a smile on his face. He looked at her with wide eyes before looking towards the man in the moon.

"So he is, why didn't you tell me Sandy?" North asked before smiling to his friend in the sky. Sandy got angry and sand came from his ears in the shape of smoke. Though he stopped as both Lena and Ashley facepalmed and replied in unison.

"He DID!"

Sandy smiled at the girls but then turned his attention back onto Manny as he moved a moonbeam towards the girls. When the moonbeam encircled them, the light intensified to a blinding flash.

Bunny was the first one to see the changes in Ashley. When he did, his mouth dropped a bit. There in front of his eyes, was a transformed girl. Ashley now had long, maroon hair that curled at the bottom. It's length reached to the back of her knees. Her bangs slightly hid her abnormal colored eyes, her left was light blue, and her right was a gold. Her glasses were at the brim of her nose.

She blinked as she looked at all their awe struck expressions. "Why are youâ€¦" she began to say until she realized that she was wearing

fingerless, white, skin tight gloves that reached just below the elbows. Her gaze then wandered over to the sky-blue blouse that she wore. It was frilled around the collar and button down. It was sleeveless revealing a bit of tattoos from her back. She felt the cool breeze from the open window through her pleated, knee-length white skirt. Suspenders were attached from the front and over her shoulder to a criss cross in the back. Her shoes were much simpler, just a pair of sky blue flip flops.

"What theâ€¦" she said as she looked at herself in the mirror that she found in North's office. Ashley then turned to look at Lena about to tell her something when she saw that she changed as well.

Lena was bent over, with her hand on her head. "What hit me?" she groaned.

"A dragon apparently," Jack responded with a raised brow and open mouth.

"What in the world are you talking about?"

"Look in the mirror Sheila," Bunny said.

With another groan, Lena turned to look at the mirror and gasped. What she saw was a pair of batlike dragon wings. She slowly and shakily went up to touch the black wings. Her auburn side bang framed her face as she felt the scales on her fingers. Still in shock she looked towards the mirror again and spotted that her once brown eyes were now green. Her once short hair became a knee-length braid.

She turned around to look at the guardian's faces, only to notice that she had a brown peasant skirt, and a white open-backed halter cami. It was adorned with a big black belt around her waist and black boots to match. When she raised her arms to her face, she spotted black scale tattoos that travel up her arms. At first they seemed like a tattoo but up close you can see that they are actually from her skin.

"What in the world happened!" Lena asked as she felt the scales on her arm. Ashley turned to look at her and shrugged.

_I have an explanation for all of this. Guardians meet the new spirits, who eventually will become guardians. _

"WHAT?!" Shouted North, Bunny and Tooth. Sandy on the other hand had a question mark and an explanation mark floating over his head. Ashley and Lena stared at the moon with their jaws agape. Jack then started to laugh.

"Finally! Someone my age," He then stopped and thought for a second, "Waitâ€¦.how old are you guys?"

"I'm nineteen," Lena replied.

"And i'm eighteen," Ashley said and crossed her arms.

North then blinked, "How is this possible? How are you able to see us?"

"I openly believed until I was fifteen, and my mom made me 'stop'

though as stubborn as I am I still believed," Lena said with a shallow shrug.

"I just believed," Ashley said simply. The others just stared unsure of what to say next.

"Wow" muttered Jack as he leaned on his staff and looked at the girls.

Ashley then turned back to Manny and asked, "So why are we spirits?"

"Umm" and Manny, why didn't you talk to Jack for three hundred years? I'm just wondering," chimed Lena. Jack turned to look at Lena with a raised brow, wondering how she knew that.

That will be discussed another time. Manny answered.

"Figures." Lena mumbled.

Everyone then payed attention to Manny as he explained what was going on.

A new threat is on the horizon and the Guardians need help if the world is to survive.

"Is it that bad?" Ashley asked.

"Why us?" Lena added.

Yes, the outlook doesn't look that good. The reason why I chose you, is because of your strong belief over the years Lena. And for you Ashley, I chose you for your creative spirit.

"What?" They both asked.

All questions will be answered in time.

"How very cryptic" muttered Lena. Jack heard and rolled his eyes in agreement.

"What about our parents?" Ashley asked with a tilted head.

4. Mental Break Down

When Tooth heard Ashley's question she started to look frantic. She was biting her lip and her eyes looked around the room. Lena spotted her weird behavior and narrowed her eyes.

"Tooth, is there something you would like to tell us?" She asked as she crossed her arms.

Everyone looked at Tooth, which made her quiver a bit more.

"If you have something to say, then tell us, please." Ashley whispered, fearing the worst.

Tooth bit her lip more and sighed as she looked to the girls then to the ground. She took a deep breath before answering. "How to break

the news about thisâ€¦" she mumbled.

"Just tell us!" They both said in unison.

"Wellâ€¦."she began as she rubbed her arm as she thought,"...they won't remember you anymore...They won't even knew you existedâ€¦"

"Of course! When someone becoming spirits, if they have family. They don't remember," stated North as he looked towards the girls with sadness in his eyes.

"What do you mean they don't remember?" Demanded Ashley as she clenched her fist angrily.

Tooth bit her lip more and frowned worse as she saw Ashley becoming angrier at the silence. she looked over to Lena but saw her eerily silent, her eyes blank. Her distress grew. "I...I...was sent to your worldâ€¦."

"Wait you two from different worlds?" North asked with a raised brow.

"Yes, but that's not important now," snapped Ashley as she turned to face Tooth. "Continueâ€¦"she said darkly.

Tooth flinched at her voice and nodded slightly. " As I was sayingâ€¦.I was sent to your world...by Manny...to erase your family's and friend's and everyone else you were associated with memoriesâ€¦" Manny was gone at this point.

Lena fell to her knees, with her eyes wide and filled with tears. "n...noâ€¦.Noâ€¦.NO...NO!" She whispered at first and then screamed the last no. "This can't be happeningâ€¦" she muttered before breaking into a hysteric sobbing fit.

The men were freaking out and was trying to calm her down, Jack watched with sympathy. Tooth on the other hand looked guilty and bit her lip in thought. Ashley went over and pulled her friend into a tight embrace and cried quietly with her.

Sandy took ahold of his feelings and looked over to Jack. After a few symbols appeared over his head, Jack nodded and started to walk towards the trembling duo. Ashley blinked as she felt a soft, but sandy hand on her shoulder. She looked up to see the sympathetic face of Sandy. Jack had walked over and embraced them both and tried to calm them down.

"I know how it feels to lose your familyâ€¦." Jack started.

"But your family's memories wasn't erased like ours.."Lena sobbed.

"I know, but I have a plan...if you just calm down a bit. Everything will be just fine, I know it."

Lena sniffled as she started to calm down from her breakdown and looked up at Jack with red eyes. "How?" she asked weakly. Ashley watched in silence, her crying had stopped.

Sandy started to make pictures over his head of presents, letters, and pictures of people sleeping happily. Jack nodded. "He's right. You can send letters without a return address. You can ask North to give them special presents, and Sandy would always give them good dreams." Sandy nodded. "Alsoâ€¦..you can watch over them from a distance. Even though you can't, you still can." He gave a sly wink. Trying to make her feel better.

Lena looked up and gave a small smile and calmed down. "Thanks," she muttered quietly as she looked over to Ashley and gave her a gentle squeeze before staggering up to her feet. Ashley following. Their red eyes were now normal.

"S...sorry everyone, I didn't mean to break downâ€¦like thatâ€¦" Lena apologized softly.

Bunny, North, and Tooth gave a small smile and nodded. North then turned to the duo and motioned them to follow him. "Walk with me."

Lena and Ashley nodded and followed North to his office, knowing all too well what was going to happen. When the door was shut, Ashley spoke up.

"Are you really going to give us the 'what's your center' speech?"

5. The 'center' speech

North blinked in astonishment. "How do you know this?"

"I guess we should probably tell him huh Ashley?" Lena asked with a small smile.

"Yes, we shall," Ashley giggled. "Well as you already know from Tooth, we are from a different world."

"So, we already know who you, you guys are from books and movies from our world," Lena continued.

"That is how we know about how Jack became a guardian and your little speech," Ashley finished.

North stroked his beard and nodded, "That explains a lot. So do you know your centers already?"

The two girls looked at each other and shrugged. "Not really," they both said.

"Then I will do it again!" Exclaimed North. Lena rolled her eyes and Ashley groaned as she slumped her shoulders. Jack who watched from afar chuckled to himself and leaned on his staff.

"Here, look at dis," said North as he gave them a nesting doll.

"Yes you are very big and intimidating at first glance," said Lena.

"but under that you're down right jolly," Ashley continued.

North watched and crossed his arms as he listened to them do his speech.

"You're Mysterious," Lena piped as she did hand gestures.

"and Fearless," Ashley said with a raised brow.

"And Caring," They both said.

"And my center is full of wonder," North finished the speech with a sparkle in his eye. "So now, what is YOUR center," he asked.

"We don't know," Ashley said.

"It's not something we automatically know, it's something we need to learn," Lena stated wisely.

"That is very wise, my young friend," He stated.

"Can I apologize for my snarky comments," Lena said as she rubbed the back of her neck. "It's a defense mechanism."

North chuckled and gave a humble smile, "Of course you are forgiven, it is I who should ask for forgiveness."

"It's fine, I can't really hold a grudge." Lena replied.

"Neither can I," Ashley chirped.

"Hey umm North, I have a question?" Jack said as he stood in the doorway. "On my way here from Germany, I spotted this strange floating island."

"What?" Asked the trio as they looked upon the boy.

Jack rolls his eyes and repeated, "I saw a floating island, it was hovering over the English Sea."

"Dat is strange," North said as he stroked his beard. "How about we go check it out?"

"Are we going to use the sleigh!" Exclaimed Ashley with bright eyes and a goofy smile.

North beamed and chuckled at the young lady's expression. "Why of course!"

"Yes!" Lena exclaimed as well.

Jack and the rest gave her a strange look with a few giving raised brows. Tooth, Sandy and Bunny overheard Jack saying something about a floating island and were listening.

"What? Everyone loves the sleigh," Lena said with a shrug.

"Not me," chimed bunny.

"Why ever not?" Lena asked teasingly. Ashley felt pity towards the fellow.

"Why don't we take the tunnels?" He asked as he bit his lip and started to jitter.

"You afraid cottontail?" Jack teased with a smirk.

"Am not! You bloody show pony," muttered Bunny as he crossed his arms.

Ashley chimed in as she batted her eyelashes in Bunny's direction.
"Oh please come with us Bunny."

Bunny was putty in her hands and felt his face heat up. He shuffled a foot against the ground in an awkward manner. He was looking to the ground at first but then looked up to the group and gave in.
"Alright, alright. We'll take the bloody sleigh."

Ashley giggled cutely before bounding over to him and giving him a quick hug before walking over to Lena, leaving bunny blinking at what just happened. Lena was smirking at her friend and leaned over to whisper in her ear.

"Good Job."

Ashley stopped and made a dramatic bow. "You're very welcome." No one else noticed, for they were a bit preoccupied trying to get ready to leave.

Soon everyone was ready to leave. Tooth and baby tooth had flew over to the elevator, Sandy floated after them. North had appeared after disappearing to grab his hat and coat. Bunny was already waiting for them in the elevator, obviously still a bit worried. Ashley and Lena were the last ones to enter the elevator.

After getting out of the elevator, the small group headed towards the sleigh. Ashley was looking around in awe, as she saw all the Yetis preparing the sleigh. Though one of them caught both her's and Lena's attention immediately. Phil.

"Before we go, let's sneak over and say hi," Ashley whispered to Lena. Lena nodded eagerly and they both slinked over to the greyish yeti. Ashley bit her lip and thought of how to get his attention, but she soon settled on gently poking him in the shoulder. Phil turned around and tilted his head with a questioning look on his face.

"You're Phil right?" Lena asked. He gave a nod. Lena then looked from side to side and cupped her mouth to his ear and whispered. "Don't tell anyone but you are our favorite yeti." Phil smiled and slightly blushed as he turned to grab a few pieces of paper and signed his name on it before handing them to the girls.

Ashley smiled brightly and held the signature in her hand before placing it in her pocket in her skirt. Lena leaned over and gave him a small kiss on the cheek and said thanks.. Phil blushed more and gave a small giggle. With that, Ashley and Lena waved goodbye and went back to the group.

"I saw what you did there," said Jack with a small smirk.

Lena rolled her eyes, "Shut it,"

"Howâ€¦"

"Did I get him to like us so quickly?" Lena finished his sentence and gave a smirk, "We didn't try to break in and have to get thrown out multiple times. We just showed up."

Jack rolled his eyes and hopped into the sleigh. Bunny, Tooth and Sand were already in. Baby Tooth flew onto Lena's shoulder and smiled. They both got in, while Ashley marveled at his North's Modern transportation. She stood there so long, that Lena had to drag her in. Ashley gave a sheepish look and sat down next to Bunny.

North held the reins and laughed joyfully, "I hope you the loop de loops."

"Crikey, here we go again," muttered Bunny as he held onto the sides for dear life, even before they moved an inch.

With another jolly laugh, North whipped his reins and they took off down the icy tunnel.

6. Keith and Brianna

Key:

Italics are for Manny

Underline is for Keith

****Bold** is for Brianna

The ride down the tunnel was full of screams, both of laughter and fright. When they exited the tunnel, North exclaimed, "Klasno!" The girls were laughing, Jack was smirking and poor Bunny was gripping onto the side of the sleigh for dear life.

"Onwards to the floating Island!" Shouted North as he grabbed a snowglobe out of his pocket and threw it. The snow globe burst, revealing a portal that took them out of the sky and above a floating island. Ashley and Lena gasped at the beautifully made architecture.

The floating island was big and was literally floating above the water. It was split half and half between two different cultures where it met in the middle and mingled. On the left side of the island was that of a Japanese type village. There were many pagodas of many sizes, that caught the eyes of Lena. On the right side of the island was that of Romanesque design. It had buildings with tall arches and a balcony that hangs over the sea. Below the two sides, on the base of the floating island were stairs that led down to the water. The guardians gasped in awe.

North found a huge courtyard and landed there. One by one they all exited the sleigh and looked around at the two cultures.

"Wow," murmured Jack as he looked around in awe. "You got to be

kidding me, who lives here?"

Then out of the blue, Manny shined down his rays in the center of the courtyard. This time, everyone saw him. Which made Sandy very happy.

Lena, Ashley, welcome to your new home.

The girls blinked and both raised a brow, "What?"

This palace belongs to the two of you. I hope that you like it.

As quick as he appeared, he left. Leaving everyone to ponder on his words.

"Does he always do this?" Lena asked North.

"Pretty much all the time," North replied with a shrug.

Then out of the water a serpent's head came. It's eyes on the group. He seemed to be scanning for a particular face. Ashley looked up at the creature and felt lightheaded. She was standing up the one moment and one the ground the next.

"Ashley?!" Bunnymund exclaimed as he kneeled down and started to fan her face. Hearing his cry, the others turned to help. All except for Lena who stared at the sea serpent.

"What theâ€¦?" Lena was starting to say, before she was interrupted by a deep voice.

"Pardon me Chikie, I believe your friend has fainted due to my sudden appearance."

"Wait...I can understand you?" Lena asked with a raised brow. Bunnymund had just woken Ashley up when he heard this. Seeing her talk to the creature was too great of a shock that he passed out. Now North, Tooth and Sandy facepalmed. Jack was snickering in the background but watched two in amusement from afar.

"Well of course you can, you look after all mythical creatures and they in turn protect you, and those you care for,"

"That. Is. AWESOME!" She exclaimed with a bright smile on her face, she then blinked as she realized she didn't know his name or that he even had a name. "By any chance, do you have a name?" She asked a bit sheepishly.

"I am Keith, the Sea Serpent, one of the three protectors of this island."

"If you are one then who are the othersâ€¦?" Lena was in the middle of asking before two giant tentacles sprouted out of the water beside Keith. He gave an annoyed sigh as she heard a high pitched female voice.

"**How dare you not introduce me, you slippery snake!**"

Lena blinked as she watched and heard the two bicker back and forth. Ashley came to stand beside her and asked what was going on.

"What is going on?" She asked as she saw Bunnymund come to from the corner of her eyes.

"It seems that these twos are part of the three protectors of this Island," Lena exclaimed.

Ashley rose a brow in confusion and asked, "How do you know this?"

"Keith told me."

"Who's Keith?" Ashley asked once more with bewilderment.

"The sea serpent, he told me that I am the protector of mythical creatures and in return for protecting them, they protect us," she explained with a smile. "Kinda cool, huh?"

Ashley nodded slightly as she turned to the bickering creatures.

"I was going to tell her Brianna!" Snapped Keith.

"**As if, you never do!" Retorted Brianna in a mocking tone.**

"You always interrupt me before I do!"

Lena got fed up with the bickering and yelled, "Would you two cut it out!" She then looked to the kraken. "...Brianna is it?" she asked before continuing, "He wasn't finished speaking yet, before you interrupted him."

"**Yes, It's Brianna," She said before sighing, "Sorry Lena.**"

Lena nodded and put her hands to her hips and smiled, "That's much better."

"How is the Sheila doing this?!" Exclaimed Bunnymund as he watched her talk to the creatures, and the creatures understanding.

North shrugged, "Must be part of powers. Manny did say she is spirit of Myths and Legends. Both do fall under dat category,"

Tooth then asked North, "So does that mean she can understand your yeti's and my fairies?"

He nodded, "Believe so,"

"Either way it's pretty cool!" Replied Jack with a broad smile and amusement in his eyes as he watched the two creatures interact with the winged girl.

Sandy smiled and made many symbols of his head quite quickly in response to Jack. Jack then nodded and replied to his friend, "Yes I believe it is time to go."

Ashley turned as she heard Jack say that and tapped Lena's shoulder to her get her attention. Feeling the tap on her shoulder she bid the two sea creatures ado. She then turned around as they both sank back into the water.

"We have to go, jobs to do," muttered North as he climbed onto his sleigh. Tooth nodded and waved goodbye to the girls before flying off with baby tooth in tow. Sandy swirled his sand around and formed a plane. He gave a smile and a wave before he put on goggles and took off.

Bunnymund looked to Jack and they both nodded for they seem to have the same idea. They were curious about the new spirits and the palace that they now called home.

"I'm guessing your staying?" Asked Ashley with a smile that tended to be aimed at Bunnymund. Jack saw that and smirked a bit.

"Yeah, I want to stay and check the place out,"responded Jack.

"As well as I, Sheila," joined Bunnymund with a toothy grin.

Ashley was going to respond before she heard the thumping of small, heavy footsteps coming towards them. Their eyes grew wide and turned to where the sound was coming from. Through a darkened archway, the sound grew.

Thanks for the reviews! We deeply appreciate it, please continue! I hope you guys like our new recruits, Keith the Sea Serpent and Brianna the Kracken. Soon you'll the meet third.

7. General, Colonel and Captain

Out from the darkness of the archway came small clay figures. They were marching like little toy soldiers. They were in lines of three, as they came closer to the small group of friends. Ashley watched with a tilted head while her friends watched in amusement. Soon the small figures started to grow and grow, and soon reached the height of Bunnymund.

"We are the Clayo's and will protect you Ashley,"The one who looked like the leader with his clay captain's hat. It was adorned with a paintbrush feather. "I am Vincent, Captain of the Brigade."

Ashley watched a smile on her face. "Serve me well captain!" She giggled as Vincent bowed.

"We are also here to tour you around your palace,"he stated before ordering his crew to head off into the building. "Please follow me,"he said before walking after to his troop.

She looked at them before turning to her friends with a raised brow. Silently asking if they should follow.

Lena walked up and wrapped her arm around Ashley's and started to drag her after the Clayo's. Bunnymund and Jack chuckled before deciding to follow as well. When they stepped into the palace, they entered a giant room with a vaulted ceiling that hung a large crystal chandelier.

Bunny smiled as he thought about the parties and got an idea. "This is the perfect place for parties, Sheila."

Ashley blinked and looked at Bunny and nodded happily,"Indeed it

is."

"Then we should!" replied Lena with a hand on her chin in thought. "What celebration isn't celebrated with a party at the moment?" she asked.

"Halloween," replied Jack as he inspected the details of the chandelier.

"Perfect!" Giggled Ashley as she twirled around, looking at all the beautiful details of the room.

"This is the ball room, General," Vincent said to Ashley, which made her blink but smiled at the nickname.

"Where to next, Captain?" She asked.

"The kitchen," He stated.

Ashley froze before her eyes grew wide.

Lena watched and shook her head, "Here we go.." Bunny and Jack overheard Lena and looked bewildered at her statement.

She then dashed to the a random archway and disappeared. The captain shook his head and laughed, "Wrong Way!"

Ashley then poked her head from behind a pillar, she had a somewhat crazed look in her eyes. "Where!" she demanded.

"Straight ahead and to the left!"

He didn't really finish the sentence before she took off again and towards the kitchen. Jack was a bit scared, while Bunnymund was curious and had a small smile as he darted after her.

Lena smiled and shook her head with her hands on her hips. After a few minutes, she followed with Jack and Captain following behind her.

When the three finally caught up, Ashley was running around already grabbing ingredients.

"Manny has gone and done it now," Lena said as she looked around the kitchen.

Bunnymund chuckled as he looked over the couple stoves and refrigerators. The kitchen had plenty of counterspace and had the best cooking technology. It could have seated twenty easily at the giant island in the center.

"What's she doing?" Jack asked as he watched the crazed girl preparing to make some desert.

"Cookies," Lena said simply. "Ashley! We have a tour to finish, you can do that later!"

Ashley looked up with a pouty face, her eyes wide and begging. "B...b..but!"

Lena rolled her eyes and laughed, "come on, I know North would appreciate the cookies but we have a tour to finish and guests still here,"

Jack waved a bit and Bunnymund smiled.

She then blinked and realized what she was doing, in a minute she was rubbing the back of her neck sheepishly as she walked up to the group. She felt embarrassed beyond belief. "Sorry...I tend toâ€|.goâ€|.a little overboard."

"A little? It's more than a little Ashley," Lena retorted, "How many years has it been?"

Ashley looked to the ground and muttered, "Eight yearsâ€|."

"Exactly," Lena snorted.

Bunny and Jack watched in amusement, often giving chuckles every now and then. Though Jack now has ammunition for some pranks, Bunny felt a bit sorry. When Lena turned to the two, she caught the look in his eyes.

"Don't even think about it," she muttered. Jack laughed. She then turned to Vincent and asked, "Where to now, Captain?" As she asked, she saluted.

He gave a chuckle and said, "The library, Colonel."

Lena's eyes sparkled at the word. She then turned and bowed a bit dramatically, "Lead the way."

Ashley rolled her eyes as the small group started to walk out of the kitchen and towards the library. As they walked, Ashley slid over to Bunny and Jack and whispered. "You think I was crazy with cooking, Lena is crazy about books."

From ahead of them, she rose a hand and said, "I heard that!"

"Curse your enhanced hearing!" Ashley muttered as Lena laughed.

"Not just hearing, but all my senses as well," replied Lena.

Bunny and Jack just shook their head at the bickering friends.

Lena looked over her shoulder at Ashley with a smile on her face, Ashley returned it with a smile on her own.

They soon approached the library, which was behind giant oak doors. Vincent opened the doors to reveal a room that was three times bigger than the library of beauty and the beast. Shelves upon shelves of books from every country, village, and world.

8. Ello' Charlie

Key:

****Bold and Underline is Charlie or Charles James Michener.****

Lena's smile never left her face as she entered the room. She quickly looked around before heading towards a bookshelf and scanned for some that caught her attention. Soon she was carrying at least four to five books in her hands. Ashley rolled her eyes and went up to her and took a few books.

"Need some help?" she asked with a small smile.

Lena shook her head and smiled, "nah, I got it." With that, she took the books back and headed towards a table. "I'll save these for later." Ashley nodded and looked at Bunnymund who was leaning against a pillar and watched them with a small smile on his face. Though she blinked when she couldn't find Jack. She was about to turn to Lena and say something but Lena spoke first.

"I see that i'm not the only bookworm around here," she stated as she was looking at Jack who was on the upper levels, holding a book in his hand and reading another.

Bunny chuckled and nodded. Ashley smiled and crossed her arms as she watched Jack almost float into a pillar.

"Watch out Frostbite," Bunny said with a smirk.

"What?" Ashley asked with a tilted head.

Bunny was about to explain before Jack gave a yelp as he bumped into the pillar. His books falling to the ground below him. Ashley then got it.

"Ouchâ€¦" Lena said with sympathetic look, "I know how that feels,"

Ashley nodded, "So do I, I ran into a rotating door."

"Really?" Asked Lena and Bunny at the same time, though Lena continued, "I've ran into three poles, a glass window, and a sliding glass door."

Ashley smiled and nodded, "The problems of a bookworm." Bunny was just looking at the two strangely, after a bit he just shook his head and went to Jack's side.

"Oi Mate, you ok?" He asked as he helped him up.

"I'm fine," Jack laughed and stood up. "Not the worst thing I've run into."

Vincent had stayed by the door the whole time diligently waiting for Ashley's next order. Ashley then realized that he wasn't there with them and turned to look at him. "Is there more to see?" She asked.

"There is your art studio, General." He responded.

"I have an art studio?" She asked.

"Yes, it's the up the hall, down the stairs and to the right. It's really airy with open windows and a skylight."

Ashley smiled and giggled, "I can't wait to see!"

"Shall we go?" Asked Captain.

She eagerly nodded and the group exited the library and was on the move again.

The way to the art studio was that of many details. There was extravagant tiles that led to a spiral stairway that was made of marble and bronze. From the high ceiling was a uniquely shaped chandelier that gave off small amounts of light. As they got to the floor, the small hallway that led to the studio had many famous paintings like that of the Last Supper to the art of cave paintings. Ashley blinked and hoped that they weren't stolen but she got a feeling that it wasn't. They were highly detailed replicas.

Soon they entered the art studio and Ashley stopped in wonder. The size was big enough for everyone to come in, and the ceiling was high and open. She felt the wind in her hair as it swept through the open windows. As she looked around she spotted every art instrument that an artist needed and various sizes of canvases. Ashley let out a squeal as she darted towards the supplies.

Bunny and Jack were intrigued while Lena smiled and shook her head. Lena then turned her gaze away from her excited friend to the captain. "Captain, can I ask you a question?"

The soldier blinked and nodded as he turned to her and saluted, "Anything, Colonel."

"What was the staircase next to the door?"

"That leads to the base. If you go down those stairs, it would lead you to the water. You would be literally a inch away from the ocean or whatever body of water we will be at," He said.

"Do you mind if we go check it out?" Lena asked Bunny and Jack. "Ashley is going to be here for awhile."

They nodded and left Ashley to go crazy in her new studio. They left her as she was sketching a picture out. She didn't even realize at first. Lena let out a gasp as she went down the stairs and into the open air. It smelled and tasted like salt, that is how Lena knew they were in the Atlantic Ocean.

"We aren't in the English Sea anymore," commented Lena as she walked to where the staircase ended and a small platform began.

"That's because, this Island moves around every few hours. If there is water, this Island will go," exclaimed Vincent as he stood by the stairs. Bunny and Jack had stepped onto the small platform.

It was silent for a couple minutes before the waves below started to bubble and rise. Out from the ocean depths came a creature that looked like a cross between a crocodile and a monstrous angler fish. Jack was caught off guard and actually backed up towards Vincent. Bunny flat out fainted, again. That was when Ashley was going down the stairs and spotted Bunny on the ground.

"What happenedâ€¦|.?" She asked before spotting the giant creature.

"The Leviathan," Lena replied simply.

"Again?"

"Yup."

"The third protector i'm guessing?"

Lena shrugged, "I guess so, I didn't have time to ask. Bunny fainted before I could." Ashley nodded in response and looked at the Leviathan with a slight shake.

"**Pardon me madam, I am Charles James Michener, the third protector of this island," said the Leviathan politely and in a british accent.**

"May I call you Charlie?" Lena asked.

"**Of course mi'lady, I see nothing wrong with that.**"

"So his name is Charlie?" Ashley asked with a raised brow.

"Actually, his name is Charles James Michener, but I thought Charlie would be better. Also he has a british accent."

"He does?" Asked Jack from behind Ashley who was picking up Bunny who came to.

"Yes."

"Excuse my intrusion General, but I have gotten a message from North that there is going to be a meeting," spoke Vincent.

"**I'll excuse myself for now madam," said Charlie before sinking down into the ocean once more.**"

"See ya later Charlie," said Lena before turning to the gang. "First a sea serpent calls me Chickie, and now a Leviathan calls me Madam."

Ashley nodded, "Manny never said that being here would be boring."

"Still not really happy with him," muttered Lena with crossed arms.

"I know, but we should get going."

"How are we going to get there?" Lena asked.

"We can take my tunnels," stated Bunny.

Ashley nodded eagerly. "Let's do it!" she giggled.

"This should be fun," exclaimed Lena. Jack just smiled in agreement.

Bunny nodded and taps the foot on the ground and in a matter of seconds a hole appeared from underneath them and they fell through. Then the portal closed and left a flower behind.

9. A singed tail

In a swift motion, they all slid through the tunnel and reappeared at North's workshop. Bunny appeared like always, on his feet. Then it was Jack who flew and landed on his feet as well. The girl's though, they were a bit different. Ashley was the next out, and she landed on her rump. She winced a bit. "Owâ€¦." Though she was cut off as Lena came out and landed on her. Making Ashley yelp a bit more. as she gave another ow!

Lena got up quickly and jumped with her hands in the air, "THAT WAS AWESOME," she yelled. She then realized that she had landed on her friend and added quickly, "Oh...sorry Ashley.."

Ashley nodded and waved it off as Bunny gave her a hand. "You'll get used to it Sheila.," he said as she was brought up to his chest. She blinked at how close she was and just stayed there for a few before backing up quickly, not wanting it to feel awkward.

North then comes in. "Glad you could make it. We have a few things to discuss.'

"Like how we are going to have a halloween party at our place," Ashley said with a smile.

"We could include dat in discussion," he replied. "Where are the others?"

"They had jobs to do," Lena said.

Soon Tooth flew in with baby tooth by her side, trailed by Sandy in his golden plane. "Now we are all here," North said with a nod. He then motioned them all to sit by the fire. Ashley and Lena sat by each other. Then Tooth sat by Lena, and Bunny sat by Ashley. Jack just sat on his staff,. North sat down in his usual chair, while Sandy made a chair for himself.

"So what happened after we left?" Tooth asked rather quickly. She was always on a busy schedule.

Lena placed a hand under her chin as she spoke. "Well...we met our third protector. Turns out he was a Leviathan. His name was Charles James Michener, but we're just going to name him Charlie. "

Ashley nodded, "That, and I also found this in my workshop," she said as she held up a giant mechanical paintbrush .

Lena blinked, "How long have you had that?"

"Ever since I came down from my studio."

"Sorry I guess Charlie coming and Bunny fainting distracted me."

Ashley giggled, "It's ok, I would've done the same thing."

Lena looked over the rest to see all their shocked faces and asked, "What!?"

"You're calling the Leviathan Charlie?" North asked.

"We didn't name him Charlie, he came with the name," Ashley retorted.

"Did the other two have names as well?" Tooth asked.

"Yes, they did. They told me their names were Brianna and Keith," Lena replied.

"So who was Brianna and who was Keith?" Jack asked.

"Brianna was the kracken and Keith was the sea serpent."

The others nodded, though by their expressions they were still a bit confused.

"What?" The girls asked.

"We just think it's strange that you can talk to creatures."

"I guess that it comes with the territory," Lena shrugged, "I was made the spirit of myths and legends. Technically they are myths and legends."

North nodded, "True."

"Don't forget she's also part dragon," Ashley added.

Bunny nodded, "So how about that party?" He wanted to change the subject.

"Yes, tell us about party," North said with a smile.

"Well,, Jack told us that Halloween didn't really get parties. So we wanted to make a party," stated Ashley.

"We do have that huge ballroom that we can use," added Lena.

Bunny nodded, "You'll need to get permission from Jack Skeleton."

"The King of the pumpkin patch?" Asked Ashley with a raised brow.

"Is he actually connected to this world?" Lena asked in confusion. "I thought he was in a different one."

Tooth shook her head, "He's the spirit of Halloween,"

"He's not a guardian yet," Lena asked.

Bunny coughed, "...or never will be."

"Oh yeah, they sacked both you and North. Is that where you got that

idea from North?"

"Now that you mention it, yes," North replied.

Bunny shivered at the memory of the sack. "How do you know that Sheila?"

"Again, movie,"

Ashley nodded, "She's pretty much the movie expert."

Lena nodded, "I own a lot of them."

North and the others nodded.

Ashley then got the chance to bring the group back to the conversation at hand. "So how are we going to ask Jack."

North chuckled. "You could always travel by sack."

"Not gonna happen," Lena retorted.

"You can light up a jack-o-lantern and that will take you to the tree ring of doors."

"Such a thing exists?" Ashley asked dumbfounded.

"Sadly yes," said Bunny.

"You're not on good terms with him are you?" Lena asked.

Bunny shook his head, "Of course not, I still have nightmares of THOSE three."

Both Lena and Ashley said, " Ohh..them."

"Jack, you wanna join?" Ashley asked with a smile.

"Heck yeah," He answered with a grin.

"Then this meeting is over," North said and stood up. Tooth and Baby Tooth flew out in a rush. Sandy tipped his sand hat and flew out the window. Bunny stood up and was about to make a hole, when Lena got a tingling feeling in her nose.

"ACHOO!" Lena sneezed quite loudly. Though it wasn't any ordinary sneeze, she ended up breathing fire. Which in turn scorched Bunny's tail.

"Oi! My tail!" He screamed as he looked at the now bare stump.

Lena gasped and placed a hand over her mouth. "I'm so sorry Bunny! I had no clue that, that would happen." She apologized quickly. Jack on the other hand was laughing his head off. Lena gave him a glare before slapping him in the back of his head.

Ashley frowned and looked sympathetic at Bunnymund. She felt sorry for him.

"I hope it grows back quickly, or the groundhog would have a laughing

fit," Muttered Bunny.

"If he does, he'll have to deal with me," replied Lena.

He nodded and with a quick look at Ashley, he disappeared into the ground.

"Now I have to watch out for your fire," Ashley commented.

"Please tell me that is all I do," she whined.

"I hope so, with that note, let's get a pumpkin," Jack smirked.

10. A trip to Halloweentown

There in the middle of a small table was the carved pumpkin. It was gutted and ready to be lit. They all stood around it, wondering what to do next.

"What now?" Jack asked.

"All hands on the pumpkin," Ashley said and placed a hand on the pumpkin, followed by Jack and Lena.

"Now to light it," Lena said, "Let's see if this works." With that being said, she snapped her fingers and a small flame appeared from her thumb. "Apparently it does," she said quite happily.

"Should I be worried..?" Jack asked.

"Only if she burns the house to the ground," Ashley said with a small laugh.

"I'm not a pyro!" Lena protested as she lit the pumpkin.

WHOOSH!

The next thing they knew, the pumpkin was gone and they were in a clearing with trees surrounding them. Each tree had a door shaped for each of the different holiday.

"Hey Ashley, do you think the egg one leads to Bunny's warren?" Lena asked.

She shrugged, "I guess."

Jack laughed and was intrigued by the doors. "So i'm guessing that this one is North's then?" He asked as he pointed his staff to the christmas tree door.

"If I remember correctly, that is the door that Jack Skellington used to discover christmas," replied Lena.

Ashley nodded and found the door that led to Halloween Town. "I found it guys," she said as she grasped the handle. Jack and Lena walked up behind her when she opened the door. In a matter of seconds, dead leaves circled the three of them as a strong wind sucked them into

the portal and closed the door behind them.

Ashley was the first to land in Halloween Town, she slipped on a fallen branch and fell face first. Then Lena fell and landed on Ashley which resulted in an oomph from her 'cushion'. Jack on the other hand, he floated on the wind and laughed at the two girls.

"Sorry Ashley," Lena groaned as she stood up and helped her friend to her feet. "Once I figure out how to use my wings, I won't land on you like a sack of flour."

Ashley nodded as she rubbed her back from the impact, "Can't wait for that."

"Sorry to intrude but we have a skeleton to talk to," Jack said sarcastically from atop his staff.

"Well yes, the other _Jack_," Lena said with a hint of sarcasm.

Jack rolled his eyes as he ignored her comment and started to walk to the graveyard. Lena and Ashley, who were giggling, followed behind.

"Do you know where you're going? We know this place better than you do," commented Ashley as she looked around the eerie forest.

Jack stopped and turned to look at the two and dramatically bowed. "Then show the way, my fair ladies."

Lena rolled her eyes and walked past him muttering, "Shut it, Frostbite."

Ashley and Jack followed as Lena showed them a way out of the forest and into the graveyard. As they approached it the curled hill uncurled itself, making a bridge for them to pass over. They walked past the gravestones and towards the old, crooked gate. Zero appeared from under a grave and floated over to the strange trio.

Zero barked and his red nose lit up the darkened day. Ashley turned to look at him and smiled. "It's Zero."

Lena blinked and turned to him and bent her knees to be level with the ghost. "Hey Zero, can you take us to Jack? We need to talk to him."

He barked happily and his nose blinked twice as he started toward town.

Jack watched for a moment before turning to the two girls, only to find them ahead at the gate, waiting for him.

"Hurry up Snowflake, we're waiting on ya," Lena shouted with a smirk.

He shook his head and walked up to them a bit quickly before they exited the graveyard and strolled into town. Lena was fine, while Ashley was a bit freaked out, and Jack was nervous. Many monsters turned to look at them, wondering who these newcomers were. Lena stopped, which resulted in Ashley bumping into her, which made Jack

bump into Ashley.

Ashley groaned, "Hey! Why did youâ€¦." She stopped as she saw why Lena stopped in her tracks. There in front of her was the Mayor. Ashley groaned inwardly. Jack just watched with wide eyes.

"Who are you and what are you doing here?" He asked as his face switched to the blue, pale nervous face. That freaked Jack out a bit.

"We are here to talk to Jack Skellington," answered Ashley.

"He is the spirit of Halloween, is he not?" Continued Lena.

"Why yes he is, now can you tell me who you are?"

"I'm Ashley Davinci, spirit of Art," She said as she took out her small paintbrush that grew to a rather large sized brush.

The mayor then blinked and nodded and turned to Lena, " And you?"

"I'm Lena Draco, Spirit of Myth and Legends," she said as she fluttered her wings a bit. In a moment of thought, she blew out a small spark of fire.

The monsters around her applauded and cheered. The mayor face changed to that of his more calm one.

"And this is Jack Frost, Spirit of Winter and Guardian of Fun," added Lena as she pointed to Jack, who merely waved with a small smile on his face.

"First time we had a guardian here, since Bunny and North," The mayor said.

"Bunny still hasn't forgiven you for sacking him," Ashley retorted.

"But North used the Sack idea," Lena added.

"Yeah, on me," Jack muttered.

With that the Mayor led them to Jack's house. They walked until they got to a tall, black tower. They went to the door and knocked.

"Jack, you have visitors!" The mayor called with a happy grin.

Sally opened the door and saw the three strange visitors. "Oh, who is this?" She asked as she batted her eyes curiously.

"We need to talk to Jack, we will explain everything and who we are once everyone is together," Ashley said with a smile. Jack just watched a bit and was quivering. He had never seen a lady stitched together like Sally was.

Lena noticed and leaned and whispered into his ear, "Don't be rude. She's a nice lady." Jack nodded and tried to pull himself together a bit tighter.

"Then come in, I'll make some tea," Sally said with a smile as she let the three in and closing the door as the Mayor walks away. She took the small group to the living room.

"I'm sorry but we don't drink tea," said Lena and Ashley in unison. "Jack doesn't like it either, but thank you anyway."

Sally nodded, "Then how about punch, water?"

"I'll take water," Ashley said as she sat down on a chair that would be in an antique shoppe.

"Punch," stated Lena and sat down with Jack on an old sofa.

"Same," Jack added as he sat beside Lena.

Sally nodded and went off to get them their drinks. Soon a pair of long, lengthy legs came their way down the winding steps that was nearby. Then a familiar voice rang out across the room. "Sally, who was at the door?"

11. Permission to Party

Sally peaked her head from around the bend and smiled, "Just a couple of people wanting to talk to you."

"Oh, is that so?" He asked with a bony smile. He then walked up to where they were sitting. "So who are you guys and what do you need?"

The trio introduced themselves and explained that they came here to ask him permission for something. Jack was a bit surprised at how this boy was also named Jack, and that he was also pale, and had white hair.

"Jack is a very popular name, I assure you," Frost stated with a small chuckle. Jack also laughed a bit and nodded.

"Indeed it is, so now what do you wish to ask?"

"Well we just became spirits and we found out that our new place had a ballroom, we was hoping we could use it for a party on the holidays. Halloween to be exact," Lena said as Sally gave her a cup of punch. She nodded a thank you.

"We just wanted to ask you permission before we do anything, so you won't come after us," Ashley said as she took a sip of her water.

"I swear you and Jack are so jittery around here," Lena complained. Ashley and Frost just gave her a glare.

Jack laughed as he put a bony hand onto his chest and grinned, "Of course you can! I just hope that me and Sally would be invited."

"Invited? You two are the guests of honor, seeing how it is your holiday," Lena said with a smile.

Ashley nodded and the others stood up. "Then, we will be seeing you soon then."

"How do we get back?" Jack asked.

"Jack, I know you have a snow globe in your pocket," Lena said with a sigh. "I mean, since we know how to get here, the snow globes should work to and from here. For quick travel."

Jack nodded and pulled out a globe, the snow falling. "So where to?"

"How about to North's?" Ashley asked.

"We can tell him now, and we can go home and find out our powers," Lena suggested.

Jack nodded, "To North's then." With that he said to Santoff Clausen. He then threw it and a portal appeared. Jack was whisked in before Lena and Ashley waved. Then they were out of sight, leaving Jack Skellington and Sally behind looking where they were in wonder.

One by one they appeared in the workshop. Jack somehow missed the wind and landed on his stomach with Lena and Ashley piling on top. He gave a grunt and muttered, "Now I know how Ashley feels."

"Thank you!" Ashley said with a bit of a smirk.

"It's not my fault that every time we use a type of portal this happens," Lena protested.

"I know, but I'm the one who usually gets landed on," explained Ashley with a flourishing hand.

"Not this time," coughed Jack from under the two girls.

"Sorry," They both said as they got up and let Jack up onto his feet.

North chuckled as he stepped out of his office and into the globe room. He spotted them and gave a bright smile. "You have returned! Good news I hope."

Lena nodded, "Well we got permission, they were ecstatic about it."

"Yeah, he had hoped he was invited," added Ashley.

"Of course he was, this is his territory."

North nodded, "Then it's settled, I will send out word."

"Ok, but we must be off then, we want to figure out what our powers are," Ashley said as she folded her arms.

"I already know I can breathe fire, I highly doubt that is all I can do," Lena commented.

"I just hope you won't burn down the house," Ashley said with a smirk.

"Will you quit with that already?" Lena begged.

"She does have a point, you know," stated Jack with a grin.

Lena huffed and stamped her foot against the ground. Where her foot connected with the tiles, frost formed and spread to the surrounding area. Surprising Jack, as well as Ashley and North.

"Apparently you don't control just fire then," Ashley retorted with a giggle.

"Frost? I made frost?" Lena asked quickly.

"Surprisingly yes, now I got some competition," Jack laughed.

North just laughed, "Go now, and find your powers."

Ashley nodded, "Yes, now I can do this," She said as she pulled out a globe.

"Where did you get that?" Lena asked with a raised brow.

"Picked it out of Jack's pocket when he wasn't looking," she said with a shrug and a smirk.

"Should've known."

Ashley nodded and said, "To Dravinci Castle!"

"Nice Name," Lena said as Ashley threw the Snow globe and transported them to their floating isle that now resides in the lower Atlantic Ocean.

12. Coming Alive

A few days later, Ashley was in her open spaced art studio. A pencil in her hand, and she was biting her lip as she looked at a blank sheet of paper. She had artist block. With a frustrated growl, she stood up and walked out of the room to look for inspiration. She didn't want to disturb Lena, for she was in the library, so she looked at the paintings on her wall. There weren't a lot, but most of them were historic; Well, as historic a reprint could be.

The first painting on the wall was a replica of the Mona Lisa. The Lotus Flower of Paris, a famous painting that everyone knows of. Ashley looked at her expressionless face and her stoic position. It was too serious, she wasn't in the mood for painting something like her eyes drifted to another painting.

This Painting was that of a completely different artist with a different art style. The painting was that of The Scream. Edvard Munch had painted it, it was unique. She dismissed the idea rather quickly. Leaving only a couple paintings left. The next was one of the more beautiful paintings to be there. The Starry Night.

It was a classic painting that Ashley always had liked, ever since she was a kid. It made her happy to see that she got a replica of it. She remembered how her old elementary school had made a mural of it

for school. She gave a happy sigh and thought of it as an idea to try before looking at the last painting.

Ashley blinked as she realized that this painting was different than the rest. For one it was much older than the rest, the second, it wasn't made with normal tools that an artist would have. No it was made by natural resources like fingers and sticks. She smiled as she looked upon a few cave paintings. They seemed original for they were on stone, but Ashley wasn't really sure. All she knew now, was that she got her inspiration.

She quickly turned and walked into studio and started to look around for supplies. First, she grabbed a rather large piece of paper, and then a paintbrush and a few paints. Ashley then got into her work. She was making a caveman. She painted him with a rather large build, with massive arms and legs. His forehead was slanted and he had a few overgrown teeth that protruded from his lips. Not to mention eyebrows that were bushy enough to be called a shrub and a bulging nose the shape of a deformed rock.

When she was finished, Ashley stepped back to look at her new masterpiece. Then something strange happened. The picture was beginning to rise up from the page. First his upper body formed and then his lower, soon he was standing face to face with her. The man now looked at her curiously with beady eyes. After a few minutes of him smelling her, he screamed which resulted in Ashley to scream as well.

Lena had heard her friend scream, so she dropped her book and came sprinting up to where she was only to stop at the top of the stairwell to see a neanderthal dragging her friend by her hair into the hallway.

"Don't just stand there gawking! Help me!"

Lena wasn't sure how to react, but she knew that she had to get her friend out of his grasp. She then got an idea. Quickly she went up to the man which resulted in him backing up and becoming defensive. She then snapped her fingers and a small flame appeared in her hand. The caveman then went wide eyed and dropped Ashley onto the ground as he watched the fire with interest.

Ashley let out another groan and got up, her hair now frizzed. She looked at Lena with an arched brow though gave a sheepish smile.

"Where did the caveman come from?" Lena asked.

"Wellâ€¦.I didn't know my drawings could comeâ€¦.to lifeâ€¦" She giggled nervously as she tapped her fingers.

"Could you repeat that?"

"I made him...by accident," She repeated.

"So your drawings came to life?" Lena asked with a raised brow.

"Yeah...apparently so," she muttered.

"Hopefully this wouldn't happen on a regular basis,"

"You don't think I don't?"

The caveman was still staring at the flame, giving Ashley and Lena more time to talk. "So what are you going to name him?" Lena asked.

"Name him!? Are you crazy?" Ashley asked frantically.

Lena then put her fingers in a gesture that meant a little bit. Ashley just rolled her eyes. "You created him, he's your problem," she replied.

Ashley groaned and started to think of a name, but the flame then went out. Though neither Ashley or Lena realized it. The neanderthal. became curious of other things and walked away from their company.

"How about Cronk?" Ashley asked.

"No, sounds too much like Kronk," Lena said.

"Donkel? Dirk?"

She shook her head, "What kind of name are those?"

"I don't know! They're names!" Ashley replied a bit angrily.

"Think something simple, easy to pronounce and for him to remember."

Then there came noises from down below. In the kitchen to be exact. Pots and pans were being dropped and silverware being tossed. Ashley and Lena turned and bolted up the stairway.

As they ran, Ashley belted out a name, "GRUG!"

"Much better!" Exclaimed Lena as she laughed and followed her friend to their newly made 'friend'.

13. Prehistoric Anger Issues

They burst through the door and tried to grab Grug. He was banging pots and pans furiously. The noise making him laugh and grin. Ashley grabbed his arm, which was a bit hard for his bulky mass. Lena helped but they weren't doing that good for Grug started to pull them towards the blender. After a bit of dragging, they let go and watch him walk over to the machine and play with the buttons. The blender went on and he gave some hoots and hollers.

"If you want I can freeze him,"

"No, that's just cruel," Ashley retorted as she shook her head furiously.

"I was just kidding!" Lena said and raised her arms defensively. "...Now he's getting into the flourâ€¦|.."

Ashley groaned and turned to see Grug dropping the empty flour bag onto the ground. He was now covered head to toe in flour. She just shook her head, "Great," she muttered.

"If I can figure a way to keep him still then I could try and hose him off!" Lena thought.

"How about an earth cage? He likes stone!" I guess," Ashley said.

"How do we even know that I can even do that?"

Ashley folded her arms and gave her a look, "Really? Did you have to ask that question?"

"Yes!"

"If I remembered correctly, you were the one who breathed fire, and formed frost from her foot."

"Both accidents," Lena remarked.

"That doesn't mean you couldn't do them. If you could do Ice and Fire, then i'm sure you can do Earth and the rest of the elements."

"Fine, I'll give it a try," she said a bit downhearted. Lena then stomped her foot and stone bars came out of the ground around Grug. It was then topped off with a slab of rock. There he was captured.

"I can't believe that worked," Lena said with a smile. "Now we just need to hose him down."

"But there is no hose here," Ashley sighed.

Lena didn't reply as she walked towards the sink and turned it on. She let the water flow before moving her hands and the water followed. It slithered in the air like a snake and she directed it to Grug who just sat in the middle of his makeshift cell. Soon he was drenched in water and he started to scream and holler.

"Well at least he's not covered in flour anymore!" Ashley muttered as she held her hands to her ears.

"Yeah but now he won't stop screaming!" Lena said over the screams as she held to her ears more than her friend did.

"A quick blow dry?"

"Sure," Lena said as released her ears and twirled a finger around in a small circle, whipping the wind up. The wind spun Grug around, making him release a small laugh.

Ashley just shook her head, "He's definitely a handful."

"You just figured that out Sherlock?"

Ashley just gave her a small glare.

Grug was now standing up in his small cage, hitting the stone with his fists and gave out grunts and snorts. He wanted out.

"What are we going to do now?"

"I don't want to hurt him," Lena sighed.

"I know, neither do I. We just need to teach him," She sighed.

"How?"

"I don't know, go through the process of years?"

"What's that?"

"Teach him the essentials, aka parenting."

"Okâ€¦" Lena said with a raised brow.

"Not in that way, I meant as in to teach him how to talk, how to behave, discipline, etc."

"Fine, but you are in charge. I'll help, but you created him."

"Yes, but you have to teach him english. YOU are the one with books," Ashley pointed out.

"That might be easier, than trying to make him speak."

Ashley nodded and sighed, "Trueâ€¦"

"We need to distract him a bit. How do you put a Neanderthal to sleep?"

They both stopped for a second and laughed, "SANDY!"

"How are we going to call him?" Asked Ashley.

"I can help with that," Came a voice from behind them.

They both jumped and Lena was the first to turn around. "Jack, don't do that! What are you even doing here?"

"Wanted to stop by," He said with a shrug. He then lifted an eyebrow as he glanced past them, towards the now raging caveman in the cell. "Isâ€¦thatâ€¦aâ€¦?"

"Caveman? Yes, I accidentally made him when I was drawingâ€¦" Ashley sighed and gave a sheepish smile.

"I made the cell, It should last a bit," said Lena as she pulled Jack to the ground from his floating status.

"How did you do that?" He asked.

"I can control elements it seems," Lena said, " Sorry Wind."

"You can talk to the wind?" Jack asked particularly curious now.

"You can, so why can't I?" Lena asked as she folded her arms. Ashley on the other hand was trying to sooth Grug down, but to no avail, she wasn't doing so well.

Jack nodded and laughed, " Good point, but I overheard that you need Sandy?"

"Yeah, we need to put Grug to sleep," Ashley commented as Grug was starting to pull her hair. "Let go!" she snapped.

"Grug?" Jack asked.

"That's his name," Lena sighed and growled at him. "Grug! Put her down!" Her green eyes turned yellow and her pupils slitted as the growl left her lips.

Both Jack and Grug kind of flinched at the growl. Jack saw fangs and he stepped back. Grug on the other hand dropped Ashley immediately and cowered in fear.

"What?" Lena asked.

"Your eyes changed color your pupils slitted like a catsâ€" Ashley explained.

"Don't forget about her fangs," Jack added.

Lena blinked and relaxed, making her eyes to return to green. "Well that's new." Ashley nodded.

"Can you just go get Sandy?" Ashley asked Jack. He nodded and flew off to get his friend. Leaving Ashley and Lena alone again with the frightened Grug.

"I'm going to apologize,"Lena said sheepishly and headed to the cage. "Grug...i'm sorry, but you should behave more. We aren't going to hurt you, you don't have to go crazy."

Grug blinked and he did what Lena thought he did, which was nod his head slightly. It was only for a second, but Lena could have sworn he had understood her.

"I'll be in charge of behavior while you can take the privilege of teaching him how to speak," Ashley said with folded arms. She was quite annoyed already.

"Fine but what is with his fascination of your hair?" Lena asked.

Ashley's hair was now like a billowing flame, bright orange on top, with her ends a yellowish white. "I don't know why!"

"When did it change color?"

"What do you mean?"

Lena sighed and grabbed a mirror like bowl and shoved it to her. "Look," was all she said.

"Fine," She muttered and looked at her now flame like hair. "Great, now my hair is on fire," She muttered in sarcasticness

Lena laughed.

Soon tendrils came into the room, making shapes of various animals. Then from the window, Sandy came flying in with Jack. They both landed and came up to the girls. Sandy made a question mark over his head.

"Can you knock the caveman out?" Ashley asked.

He gave a wide smile and formed a ball of sand and threw it at Grug. The next thing you know, he was flat out on the ground.

14. Falling and Flying

In the past week Ashley and Lena had their hands full teaching Grug. They had some progress, for he learned how to behave a bit, and rough speaking skills. At the moment, Grug was passed out in his stone age like room. He was out like a light. That gave Ashley some free time to sketch a few things in her studio before Jack would come to help set up for the party tomorrow. Lena was outside in the courtyard, trying to teach herself to fly.

Since, she was alone for the moment, her mind started to wander onto various of them being her crush on bunny. She didn't realize that she was drawing hearts on a piece of paper in front of her. When she did she gave a faint blush, and got up in search of her paint and her giant paintbrush. Soon she started to sketch out Bunny's warren, and soon enough it was completely finished. Ashley then stood back to admire her work, only to realize it starting to distort into a portal. With a small squeak she was sucked in and out of sight.

Lena not knowing what happened at first, was celebrating her victory at learning how to fly.

"Yes! Finally!" Lena shouted happily but stopped when she heard Ashley's squeak by her super powered hearing. She then turned to look into the open window to see that she wasn't there. "Ashley?" She asked as she started to climb through the window.

As she entered the studio, she spotted the portal that had been painted on the floor and shook her head. "Not again," she sighed before flying into the portal after her. When she appeared she held a hand over her mouth as she spotted Ashley on top of Bunny.

"Ok...how did this happen?" Lena asked slyly as she landed not too far away from them.

Ashley quickly stood up with her cheeks bright red, "I...I...well uh...I painted portal it seems to Bunny's Warren.." She said sheepishly as she played with her fingers nervously. "And...I landed on Bunny," she added which resulted in her cheeks to become redder.

Lena walked over and nodded to Ashley as she helped Bunny up to his feet. "So now you can open portals,"

"First the caveman, now portals...what's next?" Ashley asked sarcastically. "Disappearing apples?"

Lena bit the last of her apple and shrugged as she threw it over her shoulder. The trio waited to hear the satisfying thump of an apple on ground but never heard it. They turned around and it was gone.

"Now you're mind reader Sheila," Bunny laughed.

"I wouldn't call it mind reading," Lena stomach then rumbled, "Dang it, I wish I had more apples." She then snapped her fingers and the core reappeared in her hands. "I meant complete ones."

Both Bunny and Ashley laughed at this. "So any ideas of how it actually happened?" Lena asked.

"Portals," Ashley said simply.

Lena then got an idea, she reached out a hand while thinking of the apples in the kitchen. Her arm then disappeared but reappeared once more with a new apple in her hand.

"Pockets in dimensions," Lena said happily as she took a bite of the new apple and burnt the core with the other hand. Turning it into ash. Lena then looked around, "Hey Ashley, what time is it?"

Ashley then blinked and looked at the watch she now had, "One, on the dot."

"Isn't Jack suppose to come at one thirty?" Lena asked.

"Yeah,"

"Well we are in Australia while our island is floating over the Pacific near Chile."

"I can take you there Sheila's," Bunny said with a smile on his face.

Ashley turned with a bright smile, "That would be nice."

"I always like using the tunnels," Lena added. Ashley nodded. "This time, I won't land on Ashley, I promise."

"Learned how to fly?" Ashley asked. Lena nodded. "Nice," she grinned.

"Then that settles it, let's go," Bunny said as he tapped the ground and they were consumed by the hole. Soon they all reappeared in the ballroom. He came out first and landed on his feet, then out popped Ashley screaming until she landed in Bunny's arm. Which made her blush. All the while, Jack was leaning against a column and spotted the two.

"Hey lovebirds, did I miss anything?" Jack teased.

"O rack off you bloody show pony," Bunny answered. Ashley on the other hand shyed away.

Then out of nowhere Lena came flying past Jack, which caused him to jump a mile high, almost through the skylight.

"Jack, you need to be careful of what you say, or you'll be ending up through the skylight next time," Lena mocked with a smirk. Bunny grinned and Ashley just watched with a small smile.

"Since when did you fly?" Jack asked as he flew back down. Lena landing not too far from him.

"Today, took me about, I don't know...Ashley would you say about an hour?" Lena asked as she looked to her.

"I say at least forty five minutes," she responded as she folded her arms.

"Well then, good for you, so how about we get started on the decorations?" He asked. a bit annoyed.

"Sure! Hey bunny, you wanna help?" Lena asked.

Bunny gave a side glance towards Ashley but quickly brought them to Lena and nodded, "Why not, I'm already here."

Little did Bunny know, Lena had spotted his quick movement due to her enhanced eyesight. "Let's get started then," Lena said as she turned to Ashley. "Time to decorate."

"So where are the decorations?" Jack asked.

"They are in the attic, just above you. It's that small little door in between the two sky lights," Ashley said as she pointed to the small door. He nodded and flew up to the door and soon streamers and balloons came raining down on the trio.

"Jack!" Lena spat.

15. Bunny?

They had worked for a couple hours, for it was starting to get dark. They still had a lot to do still though. Bunnymund, Jack, and Lena were in the ballroom, finishing up the decorations. Ashley was in the kitchen, preparing the snacks, drinks, and dinner for the party tomorrow. She had plenty on her list. While her friend was in the kitchen, Lena was having second thoughts of the look of the ballroom.

She had stepped back from her work, and placed a hand under her chin in thought. "It just doesn't look creepy enoughâ€¦.It is for Halloween." The boys nodded in agreement. Lena then placed a hand on the wall and it began to change.

The walls began to crack a bit, also changing it's color to a dull grey. The columns began to chip and look worn, while the floors were buckled a bit. The chandeliers were missing a few beads and the bulbs changed to candles. Their light faint but still bright enough to light the room just right.

Bunnymund and Jack gasped in awe and they grinned. Lena on the other

hand was still thinking. "It needs something moreâ€¦" Then Lena snapped and whistled, dozens of spiders crawled out of the walls and surrounded her. Freaking Bunny and Jack out. All they heard were chitters coming from the horde of arachnids.

"I know I know, but can you guys listen for a moment," Lena said as she bent her knees to get a bit closer to their level. "Can you guys weave some webs for decorations? Please?" She asked. She then began to smile for they said yes and started to climb the columns and began their work.

"Did you have to ask?" Jack asked and shuttered as a lonely spider crawled past him.

"Yes, it makes a great touchâ€¦" Lena said as she grabbed a ladder and puts it in a particular spot. With that being said, she climbed the ladder with a handful of streamers. She then started to twist the streamers and pinned it to the wall. "Hey Jack, can you help me with something?"

"Yeah?" Jack asked as he flew up to her side.

"Can you tie the end over there, then come back and help me put another end at the other corner. I want to make this a focal point,"

He nodded and grabbed the other end and flew to the corner. Soon he did this enough till the streamers formed a giant spider web like design from the chandelier.

Lena then looked at it and smiled, "That should work." She then started to climb down the ladder only to slip on a rung and fall backwards. She let out a scream as she flailed her arms around, releasing a bit of her magic towards a mirror. It then bounced off and hit the turning rabbit. Jack caught Lena before she hits the ground and placed her on her feet. A worried look on his face.

"Oi Sheila, are you ok?" Asked Bunny from behind them. They turned to answer him, only to gasp and go wide eyed. Bunny was confused and asked, "What are you two lookin at?"

"I'm really, really sorry Bunny...It was an accident," Lena said as she clasped her hands together in front of her face apologetically. "I had NO idea that I could do thatâ€¦"

"Do what, Sheila?"

"Look in the mirror Kangaroo," Jack said with a smirk, trying not to crack up.

"I'm NOT a kangarooâ€¦..you bloody show pony," Bunny retorted as he turned to the mirror. He froze as he looked at his reflection.

In front of him was not a bunny, but a man. He had an angular face with a white goatee. His eyes had stayed the same, but his hair had grew longish and the color faded from a bluish gray to a white. He still had the ears and the many markings he had, but he was different still. Draping a shoulder was a strand of hair that was adorned with beads, and underneath it and around his neck was a furred collar of a cloak. At the end of his cloak, it started to tear as if it worn for

years. Strapped across his chest was his egg bombs. On his wrists he had his wristbands, and his markings ran up his arms like tattoos. What completed the look was a pair of worn jeans that had straps around the pant legs and a pair of combat boots.

Bunny quickly turned to them and held his ears to his chest, "What have you done to me?"

"It was by accident...I tripped," Lena stuttered.

"Technically you fell," corrected Jack. "She could've gotten hurt, so why don't you ease up Kangaroo?" He said a bit harshly.

Bunny sighed and was about to say something before he heard Ashley's voice. "I can't let her see me."

"Can't let me see what?" Ashley asked from behind him. Not really noticing the changes yet, due to him still looking like himself from the back.

He bit his lip and turned to show her. "Thisâ€¦" he sighed.

She went wide eyed and dropped the platter that she had in her hands. It rang throughout the room. Lena and Jack watched from behind. "Whatâ€¦happened?" She asked curiously.

"I fell and I accidentally hit him with some magic," piped Lena.

"What magic?"

16. Rodents and Romance

Soon it was time for the party. The candles of the chandeliers flickered and Captain and a few other Clayo's were playing creepy music. They were taught by Lena before the party. It was rather a short time but they had learned rather quickly. A few other Clayo's were running around serving the food that Ashley had spent so much time on. The guests all seemed to be happy, for they had smiles on their faces and chatter was heard throughout the room.

North, Toothiana, and Sandy finally arrived at the party. North strode into the ballroom with his red cloak flowing behind him and carrying a wizard staff. Toothiana flew behind him, with the garb of a genie, a lamp included, which was attached to her hip. Baby Tooth was riding in the lamp with her head sticking out. From the open skylight, Sandy came flying in with his pilot uniform on. His entrance made a quite a stir.

Lena and Ashley weren't in the room at the moment, and Jack and Bunny were no where in sight. Soon enough Lena came in with Jack. Jack was wrapped in Linen from head to foot and wore the garb of an Egyptian Pharaoh. Lena on the other hand was different. She had her hair pulled into a low bun with a black pinstriped fedora nestled on top of her head. Her ears were pointed and fangs protruded from her smiling lips. She wore a suit that matched her fedora and she had a black demon tail swaying behind her. She still had her wings out for she didn't know how to hide them yet.

North spotted them and gave a joyful laugh. "I see you

changed."

"Yes, It seems like I can change my appearance and others," she muttered the last part softly.

"What do you mean?"

"Wait till Bunny shows up," she replied.

North looked at the others with a raised brow and nodded slowly. "If you say so."

A few minutes later, Ashley stepped into the room. Her white fabric glowing from the black light by the entrance. She was in a ninja garb with a few details that was influenced by other assassins. The guardians spotted her and Toothiana started to wave her over when she caught sight of a strange man walking next to her wearing a bounty hunter costume. Strangely enough he had blue-gray rabbit ears that stuck out of his hat and matched the color of his hair.

"Who is the handsome fellow walking with Ashley?" Tooth asked with a happy grin.

Lena and Jack looked at each other before bursting into a fit of laughter.

"What's so funny?" Bunny asked as the two of them walked up to the group.

North went wide eyed and Tooth went slack jawed, "Bunny?" North asked. Sandy was standing beside him with a question mark over his head.

"Remember how I said I can transform people?" Lena started, "...I found that out by accident, when I fell off a ladder and the magic hit him."

"It will wear off soon," He said.

Ashley and Lena then spotted Jack Skellington and Sally out of the corner of their eyes and excused themselves. They walked over with smiles.

"How do you like the party so far?" Ashley asked.

"It is simply wonderful," Skellington said. Sally nodded in agreement.

"Glad you like it, we tried our best," Lena responded.

"How did you get the spider webs to look like that?" Sally asked.

"I have friends who know how to weave," she said with a knowing look.

"Hope you enjoy the party," Ashley said before heading back over to the guardians. Lena nodded and followed her.

Lena then smirked and snagged Jack's arm and pulled him to the dance floor. Right when the music started to play Thriller. Ashley and the

others laughed as Jack was caught off guard. She then spotted one of the Clayos arguing with a guest by the balcony. Rolling her eyes, she went over there to settle them down.

"Frank! Stop arguing with the Groundhog!" She shouted as she stormed up.

Groundhog stopped shouting at the small clay figure and looked up at the girl with a smirk. "Well hello there," He grinned.

Ashley rolled her eyes and turned to Frank. "Frank, you can go now, I'll handle this." The Clayo nodded and went back to help the others pass food around. She then turned to look at him and asked, "What's the problem?"

"Doesn't matter sweet thing, are you one of the new spirits I've been hearing about?" He cooed.

It made her slightly sick to her stomach and sighed, "Yeah...and the other one is my friend over there on the dance floor. The one with wings."

He looked over and got a slight chill and quickly looked back at Ashley. He gave a smirk and stood beside her. Stretching a hand to try and wrap an arm around her waist. Which sent a chill down her back. She then stepped away from his arm and muttered, "I don't think so pervert."

To Ashley's dismay though, it didn't work. It seemed to have encouraged him a bit more. "Don't be like that baby," he said smoothly.

To anyone in the ballroom who could see, that Ashley was taller than this rodent by far. They could also see how she was fuming and disgusted at the creature. Luckily for her help came. She was about to say something that she would probably regret when they heard a thick accented voice behind them.

"Oi! Ratbag! Leave her alone!" Bunny said as he came up to them. "Can't you see that she doesn't like you?"

The Groundhog smirked and turned as he replied, "Well if isn't Bunnymund..." He stopped in mid word with his mouth hanging open and his eyes bugged out.

Bunnymund was standing there with his arms crossed and his eyes narrowed. He gave the Groundhog a look that could kill.

"Bunnymund?"

"What do you think gumby?"

"Uh...how?"

"Dragon girl."

The Groundhog then paled at his answer and scurried off and out of sight. Bunnymund then erupted into laughter, Ashley on the other hand just sighed and shook her head.

"Pervâ€|. "she muttered as she watched the rodent leave.

Bunny gave a small smile and walked up to her. "Are you alright, Sheila? He didn't do anything, right?"

Ashley smiled and nodded, "I'm fine, thank you. No, you came in just time before he did though."

He nodded, "Good."

Then there was an awkward silence as Bunny looked into the eyes of Ashley. He was enchanted by the unusual coloring of one eye gold and one eye blue. He then ended the silence as he rubbed the back of his neck, "So, Sheilaâ€|.care for a dance?"

She blinked and giggled softly before nodding, "Okay,"

He beamed and smiled softly as he reached out a hand for her to grasp. She smiled softly and placed her hand in his and they started to dance to the music. They weren't dancing with the others but was outside where the full moon shining on them. From afar, the two didn't realized that they were being watched.

From the other side of the dancefloor, Lena had spotted her friend and Bunny dancing. A grin, worthy of the cheshire cat, appeared on her face. She wasn't alone, for Sandy was right beside her. She looked over to him and said, "You thinking what I'm thinking Sandy?"

He looked up and nodded his head rather quickly. Soon the two started to plan.

17. Truth or Dare

"Hey Lena, where do you want this?" Jack asked as he held up the rest of the streamers.

"Up in the attic where else?" she responded.

It was the day after the party and Lena, Ashley, Jack and Sandy were cleaning up the ballroom. Ashley and Bunny were in the kitchen cleaning up there, Bunny still in his human form. Jack flew into the air towards the attic, in which he started to put them away. Lena was trying to morph the walls back to normal while Sandy was sweeping the floor of empty cups, candy wrappers and dust.

"Hey sandy, thanks for staying and helping us," said Lena as she finally changed it back to normal.

Sandy turned to her and gave her two thumbs up, a smile on his face.

She then turned to the kitchen and then back over to Sandy. He seemed to know what was on her mind.

She then leaned down and whispered, "Do you think they can hear us?"

Sandy shook his head and formed an 'X' over his head. Jack then swept down to where his friends are with a curious look on his face.

"What's with all the whispering about?" He asked.

The two then turned to their uninformed friend and placed a finger over their lips in a 'shoosh' manner.

"I think I figured out a way to change Bunny back to normal, since I can't do it by myself." Lena whispered.

"How?" He asked as he whispered back, getting the memo.

"You know the old fairytale about how a kiss can break a spell?"

"Yeah, so what?"

"My powers are kinda like spells in a way, soâ€¦"

"So you want to kiss Bunny?" He asked with a raised brow.

Lena rolled her eyes and shook her head. "Not me! He's like a brother to me, but I do know who has feelings for him. Right sandy?" She asked as she turned to her silent partner in crime.

He just nodded his head with a sly smile.

"Who?" Jack asked.

She then facepalmed and sighed, "Do I have to spell it out for you? Ashley!"

"Yes?" Ashley asked as she walked back to her friends, Bunny in tow.

Lena, Sandy and Jack jumped and turned to their friends. "Do you want to take a break?" She asked quickly.

Her friend rose a brow and picked up something but she had let it slide. After a couple minutes she nodded and wiped her brow. "Yeah, sounds like a good idea to me."

Jack then piped up, "Who wants to play truth or dare?"

"Where the heck did that come from mate?" Bunny finally came into the conversation.

"Hello, I'm the guardian of fun, boredom is something I do not do," he retorted.

"I'll do it," Lena responded as Sandy nodded in agreement. Ashley and Bunny were a bit iffy on the subject. "Oh come on, Ashley. You know I never got to play this."

"Wait, you never played this?" Jack asked surprised.

"Well, Ashley was pretty much my only friend, everyone else was an acquaintance. Besides that, Ashley, Please." She begged as she

clasped her hands together and bowed her head down. After a bit she looked up to see her friend's face. Her eyes now cerulean.

"Sheila! What happened to your eyes!" He asked a bit shocked. Sandy and Jack already know about the changing eye colors but Bunny was out of the loop.

"What do you mean?" Lena asked with a tilted head.

"They changed colors," Ashley said.

"Ohâ€|" Lena said, "It did it again?" Jack and Sandy nodded. She then turned to look at Bunny. "My eyes tend to change colors according to my mood."

"Oh..well that's interesting," replied Bunny.

"I'm not the only one, Ashley's hair turns color due to her mood," Lena pointed out as she looked at her.

Ashley squeaked a bit and bit her lip a bit as her hair turned a very light shade of pink. Her face turned a different shade of pink. She was embarrassed. Bunny thought it was cute and nodded.

"Well then...are you in or not?" Jack asked.

She sighed deeply as her hair slowly turned back to normal and shyly nodded.

"Ok then! Let's get started," Lena said happily as she clapped her hands. "Who wants to go first?"

"Since I thought of it, I'm going first," Jack muttered. He fake stroked his 'beard' as he looked around his friends until his eyes landed on Bunny. He smirked and Bunny knew it all too well.

"Bunny. Truth or dare?"

"Truth," said Bunny confidently as he crossed his arms.

"What is your first name," Jack smirked as he watched Bunny get all sweaty. At first he was refusing to tell. "You have to say it, you chose truth. If you don't, Lena could always give you a punishment."

"Don't pull me into this, I only hurt him by accident," Lena cried indignantly.

"Fine," Bunny muttered, "The name'sâ€|...Egbert."

Jack was on the floor in a matter of seconds as he rolled around holding his stomach in laughter. Sandy was silently laughing. Ashley didn't laugh but gave a small, sweet smile. She thought it was cute.

Lena shrugs and said, "Well. It makes sense. Aren't Pookas obsessed with eggs anyway?" She asked.

After a fit of laughter, Jack sat up and tilted his head. "What's a pooka?"

Bunny blinked and looked at Lena. "How do you know that Sheila?" He asked. He bluntly ignored Jack's question.

"Iâ€¦...râ€¦.uhh." Lena tried to explain but Bunny got the idea and nodded to her.

"You don't have to say anything more, I understand where you got it." He then turned towards Jack and said, "I'm a Pooka."

Jack nodded and stayed quiet until a few minutes later he talked to Bunny once more. "It's your turn."

He nodded and looked at Sandy. " Truth or Dare?"

Sandy thought about it for a moment before writing 'Dare above his head.

Bunny nodded and thought. "I dare you to take the banana from Grug when he is asleep." he smirked.

He paled a bit but nodded as he floated out of the room and towards Grug's. Ashley then looked at him with wide eyes. "Really? You made him do THAT!" She sighed as she facepalmed. "We wanted to keep him away from the party for nowâ€¦ We just cleaned up in here."

"Oh come on Ashley, you know he's a sweetheart," Lena stated before adding, "As long you don't tick him off."

Not a moment too soon, Sandy came floating in, holding the banana in an outstretched arm. Grug was on his tail as he burst through the doorway.

"Banana! Banana! MY Banana!" Grug grunts as his eyes were glaring at the back of Sandy.

Ashley sighed as Lena quickly went up and stood in his way. As Grug saw her, he stopped in his tracks and looked up like a sad puppy.

"Grug." Lena said as she folded her arms. "What's wrong?"

He then pouted and pointed to Sandy who had his banana. "Mean man, have my banana."

She sighed and looked over to Sandy. "Sandy, can i have the banana back. You already passed the dare. "

Sandy nodded eagerly and handed it to her. Though Lena didn't give Grug the banana quite yet.

"Now Grug, Sandy didn't want to take it from you, he was dared to. He's a good man, he didn't want your banana. Can you forgive him?"

"But, he stole banana."

"He's sorry about that, and he won't do it again. Right sandy?"

Sandy nodded quickly.

"Bunny. Jack." Lena said both got the hint right away. She then turned back to Grug.

"Ok. Can man of Sand give back banana and dreams."

Lena then turned to Sandy as she held out the banana to him. "Can you give him the banana back and take him back to his room and give him a dream, please?"

He hesitantly nodded and grabbed the banana and gave it back to him.

"You. Forgiven." Grug said as he held onto the fruit.

he nodded and took him back downstairs to give him his dream. He soon came back and quickly pointed at Lena.

She blinked, "Is it my turn?"

Sandy nodded with a smile. 'Truth or Dare' was spelt in sand.

"Truth," Lena said as she crossed her arms.

'Do you have a crush?' It read as it was floating over his head.

Lena's eyes then turned pink and she got a light blush. "Yeah, I doâ€|.but"

"He's fictional," Ashley added with a slight smirk.

"Who?" Jack asked easily intrigued.

"His name is Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III," she said sheepishly.

After a second of silence, everyone but Ashley started laughing. Lena then turned a deep shade of red and she shied away as her eyes went to a deeper pink.

Ashley then rolled her eyes and snapped. "All three of you, it's who she likes now get over it. You three are so immature." She muttered in annoyance as she turned around and crossed her arms. This upsets Bunny somewhat and stopped laughing and got up.

"Sorry, Sheila." He sighed.

Jack was the last one to stop, Sandy was apologetically nodding. Ashley was the one who sighed and turned to look at Lena.

Before Ashley could say anything more, Jack spoke up. "But seriously, what kind of name is that?"

"A viking one," Lena muttered as she glared over her shoulder. "He also happens to be good with dragons," she whispered the last part. Though everyone heard it, they just didn't want to upset her anymore.

Ashley nodded, "Yeah."

Lena then snapped back to her old self and smirked, "Alright it's my turn!" Her eyes then flickered over to the only other girl in the room. "Ashley, truth or dare?"

She thought for a minute as she played with her hair that was now back to her original color. "Dare," she said finally with a shrug.

She smirked, "Ok. I dare you to kiss Bunny." She said that as she pointed to Bunny with her thumb.

Ashley blushed immensely and shyly looked away, as Bunny folded his arms and turned away to hide his blush.

"But...it doesn't have to be on the lips, if that makes you feel any better. It can be on the cheek." Lena added.

She nodded shyly and turned to look at Bunny. Slowly she walked up to him and quickly pecked him on the cheek. When she pulled away a bright flash erupted from where Bunny was. Everyone covered their eyes and when they reopen them, there was Bunny in his original form.

"Wow, that actually worked," Lena said amused as she looked upon her friend.

Ashley then turned to her and asked, "You planned this?!"

"Uhh..no, the truth and dare was jack's idea, me and Sandy were trying to figure out way for you to kiss him. All I was expecting was the kiss but I didn't know it would work. Since my powers are like spells."

She sighed and shook her head. Though when she turned to look at bunny, he was lying on the floor.

Lena facepalmed once more as she shook her head. "Not again." Everyone laughed.

18. Redhead

After the small kiss that turned Bunny back to normal, the small group had separated for a couple weeks. The meeting was on for that evening and Ashley was looking in the mirror in the dressing room. She was thinking of what to where. She wanted to change it up a bit. Ashley was snapping as her hair changed into various forms. The first one that formed was a short hair cut but in the style of curls. She bit her lip and pondered on it a bit before she pulled her hair out and it grew longer and she started to braid it. She didn't like that either.

Lena appeared in the archway of the door. She looked as her friend changed her hair to a medium length and it was straight. "Decided to change it up?" She asked.

"Yeah, what color do you think I should have this time?" she

asked.

"How about strawberry blonde?"

"Never had that color before," She stated as she touched her hair and it slowly faded into a strawberry blonde color. She then looked at herself in the mirror and smiled. "Great choice!" She giggled.

Lena chuckled and smiled.

"Now it's time for a new look," Ashley grinned as she went to her closet. When she opened the door it revealed countless and countless of attires. She closed her eyes and put her hand through the doorway. When she pulled back there was a complete outfit in her hand. She placed a jean cropped jacket, a black frilly blouse, and a pair of blue jeans. She reached her hand in again and pulled out a big, brown belt, and some black flats.

Lena just watched from the distance as her friend went into a small side room and got changed, She came out and looked in the mirror once more. A smile was on her face.

"Is there something I should change?" She asked Lena as she looked at her in the mirror.

"How about a different hat?" she suggested as she crossed her arms.

Ashley thought about it and smirked as she got an idea. She grabbed the beret and flicked it in a flourishing manner. From a beret to a fedora. It was black and Ashley placed it upon her head. She twirled around liking it so far but there was still something that should be changed but she couldn't put her finger on it. Then it hit her. Her glasses. She pulled them off and contacts formed in her eyes, showing off their different hues.

"How do I look?" She asked as she showed Lena.

"Wow," Lena said with a smile. "Could you help me?"

"Yeah, of course! Though I must warn youâ€¦I do better on my own body,"

"What do you mean?"

Ashley was about to answer when a Clayo walked by with hair of three pigtails and a face plastered with clown make-up. Not to mention, she was wearing overalls.

"It does wear off right?" Lena asked as she looked at the poor figure.

"yeah, but mine I can change at will. I'll try my best not to make you look bad, I promise," she stated as she walked up to her. "What do you want done first?"

"Clothing."

Ashley nodded and went around her as she thought of an outfit for her close friend. She then snapped and touched her clothes and they began

to change. Her shirt changed to that of a blue tunic with a black crocheted poncho over top. It had holes for her wings. For pants, they changed to a pair of dark blue flared jeans. On her feet were a pair of black high top converse.

"How do you like it?" She asked as she stepped back a bit.

"Can I have a pair of fingerless gloves?"

"Sure, what color?"

"Blue."

She nodded and a pair of blue gloves formed on Lena's hands.

"Better?" she asked.

"Yeah,"

"Now for your hair. What style do you prefer?" She asked.

"How about a bob like claudia's from warehouse 13?"

"I'll try." With that, she formed a pair of scissors out of her fingers and started to cut her hair to that style. When it was done, she stepped back to let her see.

" got it right."

"And it didn't go wrong," Ashley laughed.

Lena looked worried, "You're not supposed to say that!"

She bit her lip and sighed, "...sorryâ€¦|...do you want a change of color?"

"nah, I like the color the way it is."

"Ok," she said as she started to walk away but then she tripped over her own feet and her hand accidentally touched a strand of her hair and it changed that to of a scarlet color. She then fell on her face and gave an 'oomph'.

"Ashley are you ok?"

She stood up and bit her lip as she looked at her friend's hair.

"Yeah, but you are right, I might have jinxed it by accidentâ€¦|"

"What do you mean?"

"Look in the mirrorâ€¦|"she whispered.

Lena looked in the mirror and then turned around. Her eyes were now red, red of anger. "Ashley! I look like Ariel."

Ashley bit her lip and looked her in the eyes, "It was by accident! I didn't mean to," she muttered as she folded her arms and turned away from her.

"I know, it's fine," Lena sighed, " It will wear off at some point,

can I have a hat to cover some of it up until then?"

She nodded and snapped. A rack of hats formed for her viewing pleasure. Lena scanned the rack and picked a black newsboy cap. "What time is it?" Ashley asked.

"four-forty five," Lena responded. She then went wide eyed and bit her lip, ' The meeting! It starts at five!"

"Don't worry, I'll handle the portals. I mastered that last week," she stated.

"Yeah, from visiting Bunny every day in the past week," Lena mumbled with a smirk.

Ashley blushed, "Hey!"

Lena laughed, "come on! It's almost time for the meeting!"

"Right," she said and pulled out her magic switchblade- art kit.

"Where did you get that and what happened to your paintbrush?"

"I made it and it's in here," she said as she flipped to the paintbrush tool. She then started to paint a portal to North's workshop.

19. Family Problems

Inside North's workshop, in a small sitting area, the gang was talking amongst themselves. Awaiting the two new spirit family members. Soon the portal opened and Ashley stepped out, the portal still open.

"Ashley!" Toothiana squealed as she flew over and stuck her fingers in her mouth as she looked at her teeth. "I love the new outfit!" she then pulled away and shook her head, "You need to floss more."

She sighed and gave a sheepish nod, "Yeah, sorry." With that she went and looked around for a place to sit. Bunny then stood up and offered her a chair by him. He had a slight blush on his face. Ashley smiled a bit and walked up to him and gave a gentle look before sitting down next to him. "Thank you," she whispered.

It was silent for a little bit until North's booming voice echoed throughout the room. "Where is Lena?"

"Right here," Lena said as she stepped through the still open portal. When she came through, the portal disappeared.

Jack rose a brow and burst out laughing. "What happened to your hair!" he exclaimed in his fit of laughter.

Her yellow eyes appeared and her scales became evident as she turned more dragonish. "Shut it, Frosty!"

Ashley just sighed and responded sheepishly, "It was by

accidentâ€¦|."

Everyone turned to look at her and she shied away again, Bunny looked at everyone incredulously.

"I wanted to change our looks but when I did her hair, I slipped and changed the color! Now can we please just get on with the meeting," Huffed Ashley before Jack could say anything in retort.

Jack opened his mouth to try and say something when Lena's arm wrapped around his neck and proceeded to noogie him. They all started to laugh at the sight.

"Ok, now there won't be any more interruptions and we can't start the meeting. Right jack?" she asked through her teeth.

Tooth then tackled Lena as she looked at her teeth. "Oh dear! You have great teeth! You've been brushing right?" She then blinked as she pulled out. "Are those fangs?"

"Yes, part dragon remember?" she said as she fluttered her dragon wings in emphasis.

"Come on, sit down everyone! We must begin," stated North and Lena and the rest all sat down. "First things first, I think we should spend holidays together like family."

"Good idea!" Ashley exclaimed.

"I agree with Sheila here." Bunny added.

"I like that idea as well!" beamed Toothiana.

Sandy gave a pair of thumbs up.

The only one who was iffy on the subject was Jack. "What do you mean family?" He asked annoyed.

"Everyone in this room is considered family," said North.

"When did we become a family!?"

"When you joined frostbite, what else?" Bunny stated.

"I've been alone for three hundred years and I've been fine on my own." He spat. Then he cringed in pain as he felt a hand smack him in the back of the head.

"You're really going to pull that card? I know what you went through Jack, it's kinda hard not to," Lena said as she stood behind him with crossed arms.

Jack then turned around to look at her and he showed signs of nervousness. "W...what do you mean?" he stuttered.

"You went through wars, that had to leave some traumatic experience," she stated.

"So what if I did?"

"You shouldn't have to go through that alone, the only reason why Ashley and I couldn't help was because we weren't in this dimension."

"I lived through it, didn't I?"

"Living through it is one thing, trying to kill yourself from being alone is another."

That sentence left him cold and silent. The others just watched but none spoke.

Lena then realized her mistake and facepalmed. "Me and my big mouth, that is why I shouldn't talk when I'm emotional."

"H...how did you know that?" Jack stuttered once more.

"Let's just say, people tend to write things in our world, which is basis to this one." She said softly. She then went over and gave Jack a warm hug. After a few awkward minutes later, he returned the hug as a sign of forgiveness.

"Jack, we talk about this later," North stated as he sat in his usual chair.

Lena then whispered into Jack's ear, "If you need someone to help keep you from getting hysterical, just ask." He nodded.

"Lena, Ashley, and Sandy, I would like to ask something with you."

Sandy held a question mark over his head.

"I'm with Sandy, what is it?" Ashley asked.

"I would like you to go to Thanksgiving world to gather supplies for tomorrow," North answered her question.

Lena nodded, "Sure, no problem. What do you need us to get?"

"Some cranberries and stuffing."

The three nodded, then Lena walked up and whispered into his ear.

"Can I see you after the meeting?"

North nodded. With that Lena went and whispered in Sandy's ear. Asking him to distract Ashley. He nodded quite happily.

North cleared his throat and said, "Meeting adjourned."

Bunnymund, Tooth, and Jack all left for they had things to do. Sandy stayed behind and started to 'talk' to Ashley to distract her. While she was being distracted, Lena went with North to his office.

"What you want to talk about?" North asked as he crossed his arms.

"I wanted to ask your help for a christmas present for Ashley," she said with a smile.

"Ha! Dat is great idea!" He chuckled, "Any specific ideas?"

"I want to get her a pet that is one of a kind."

"I'll get on it."

Lena smiled and hugged him before casually walking out, only to be stopped by Sandy, his arms telling her a story. Seeing that she was distracted, just like she was, she slipped by and towards North. After the door closed, she asked him a question.

"Can you help me with a gift for Lena?"

"Sure, I can. What do you want to give?"

She then whispers the idea into his ear.

When she was done, he just gave her a small smile and said, "I'll try."

Ashley grinned ear to ear, "Perfect."

20. Into the Woods

When Ashley walked out of the office she spotted Sandy and Lena talking. She walked over as she spotted Sandy giving off a lot of signals above his head.

"Hey, what's the ideas Sandy?" she asked.

Sandy went slower and started to make food based on Thanksgiving, and made the cornucopia bigger.

"That's great idea Sandy! We'll use the cornucopia. First we need to get one," Lena said.

"I can draw one," Ashley suggested with a slight shrug.

"That would work," she said, "Otherwise it'll be a hard one to find one."

Ashley nodded and brought out her multi-tool and switched it to her paintbrush. Soon she had a cornucopia on the ground. "Walah, there you go."

Sandy was clapping. "Nicely done," Lena said as she put a hand on the cornucopia opening. "How about-" Without getting the chance to finish the sentence, she disappeared.

Sandy had a question mark over his head. Ashley turned to him and chuckled, "I bet she found the way to it, I believe she was trying to say, think about the destination." With that, Sandy and Ashley put their hands where Lena had and thought about Thanksgiving town. Soon they disappeared.

North then came into the room with a tray of cookies. "I got cookies-" He stopped when he realized no one was there. He shrugged and grinned, "More for me," with that being said, he left the room.

Soon they stood at the circle of trees again. Lena and Ashley was used to it, while Sandy looked at all the doors with curiosity. He made a few shapes above his head.

"All these doors lead to a different world Sandy, the one we are looking for is the one with the turkey," Ashley stated as she walked towards it. Her hand grasped the knob. "Everyone ready?" She asked.

Lena nodded and Sandy was confused. "Just hold on to my arm Sandy," she said as she held onto her friend. Before Ashley opened the door and they all got sucked in Lena muttered to herself, "I hope I don't scare anyone in this world. Halloweentown was different."

Sandy floated off the ground as they appeared in the forest. Ashley was about to fall into a pile of leaves and twigs but Lena caught a hold of her before she did.

"You ok?" She asked.

Ashley laughed, "Yeah, i'm fine, thanks"

Lena then puts her down and folds up her wings as she turned to look at Sandy. Sandy was smiling and was floating around as he looked at where he was. All around them were markings of a tribe.

"I think we should stay with the Indians, due to the fact you have dragon wings. I don't want them to start the witch trials too soon," Ashley muttered.

"Thank you," Lena said with a sigh.

Soon there was a rustling of leaves and soon a tan figure showed up. Markings of blue and red covered his face and body. Feathers peaked through his long, black hair.

"Uh...hi" Lena said shyly as she waved her hand slightly.

The usual language of his people turned to that of english in their presence. "Who are you, strange creatures? Why are you in the territory of the Wampanoag people?" He asked.

"We are friendly," Ashley started.

"You seem human, but what are those two?" The indian continued.

"He's a guardian, he is known as Sandman or Sandy. He gives people good dreams," Lena explained.

The indian then smiled happily, "Bringer of dreams! Now who are you winged child?"

"She is a spirit who protects all creatures," Ashley responded.

"I also talk to them," Lena chirped, "but Ashley here is the spirit of art."

"Ah spirits, come to village, we will hold big feast in your honor,"

He exclaimed.

Both Ashley and Lena raise their hands up in protest, "It's kind of you but we came to get some things for our family." Sandy nodded in agreement.

"Things for tribe?" He asked with a tilted head.

"Yes, we need bread and cranberries," Lena said.

"My village will be honoured to help you wise spirits," The Indian smiled, "But before you leave, come meet our chief."

Ashley and Lena looked at each other than at Sandy. She gave a shrug and nod before looking back at the indian. "Sure, why not?"

"Please follow me," He said and motioned them to follow as he disappeared back into the forest in which he had came. Sandy looked at the two girls and floated in first. Ashley and Lena then followed him into the dark woods.

21. Shopping Trip

As they walked, Lena couldn't help but wonder what their new friend's name was. So she spoke up, "I never really said my name, my name is Lena, what's yours?"

"I am Squanto," He said with a smile as he looked to the winged girl next to him. "It means peaceful wolf,"

"That's a good name," Ashley piped up.

"Wait you're the one who negotiated peace with the pilgrims and your tribe," Lena said.

"Yes, how did you know?" He asked with a raised brow.

"Stories come natural to me, and what is life other than a giant story?" She asked with a smile.

"That is true, wise spirit."

Lena blushed slightly as they came up to the clan. It was quite lively. Young ones were running around and their mothers were watching while they make baskets. The hunters just arrived with fresh meat and fish. Smoke rose from the multiple fires around the camp. Many others were preparing for the feast with the pilgrims.

"Such a lively village you have," Ashley said with a smile as she twirled around and danced to the beat of the drums.

Her friend giggled as she saw others join her. She leaned over to Sandy and smiled, "Quite the people person huh?"

Sandy nodded with a giant smile.

"Come. Chief Massasoit waits for you," Squanto said as he began to lead them to his chief. Ashley was then pried from the music and was brought with them. As they walked, villagers stopped and turned to

look at the trio. Lena shied away and whispered to Ashley, "I'll be fine with just the wings but I really wish you didn't turn my hair red."

"I said I was sorry, i didn't mean to," She whispered back.

"I know but I keep getting stares,"

"You're not the only one," Ashley said as she spotted a few people staring at Sandy, and how he floated.

"Yeah, Sandy is different as well, but you tend to fit in more."

"Yeah, but that doesn't mean I don't get stared at. I have different clothes than they do, and even more from the pilgrims."

"I can't blame you there," Lena said as they entered the chief's tent.

There in the back of the tent, was the chief. He was sitting down, smoking his long pipe with his shaman by his side. His face was marked with the colors, like Squanto and his feathered headdress pooled around him. As they were spotted, Massoit placed his pipe next to him and stood up.

"Who be these strangers, Squanto?"

"These are spirits who come to ask for assistance," he replied.

"What spirits be they?"

"Sandy," Lena said as she pointed him, "Is the spirit of dreams. He gives everyone good dreams and protects them from nightmares."

Sandy waved with a gentle smile.

"And Lena, is the spirit of creatures and stories," Ashley continued as she pointed to her friend by her side.

"I'm not the spirit of creatures, Ashley, I just protect them. I'm just a spirit of stories, remember?"

Ashley then leaned down and whispered into her ear. 'I know, just go with it."

Lena rolled her eyes and muttered, "Fine, whatever." She then spoke up for the two to hear. "This is my friend Ashley, she is the spirit of Art."

She smiled and waved.

"I see," said Massoit, " What do you need assistance of?"

"We would like to trade for some food," Ashley said.

"What would we get?" He asked as he folded his arms.

"Sandy?" Lena asked.

Sandy then showed a few pictures over his head, which amazed the indians, Lena and Ashley then nodded.

"Sandy said that he would trade some of his dream sand that you can use for emergencies. It will put someone to sleep instantly and they would have good dreams," Lena interpreted.

"I will make special paints for you to use," Ashley piped up.

"Just don't bring anything to life, we had to deal with that for a week. Luckily Grug was the only human you made," Lena said with a smirk.

She just rolled her eyes.

"Who is Grug?" Asked the Shaman.

"Grug is an ancient human that she brought to life with her painting," Lena replied. "We have been helping him adjust."

He nodded. "Now what would you trade?" The wise man asked.

"I have a way to prevent your stories from fading after time," She said.

"In other words, your tribe will never be forgotten," Ashley nodded. She then whispered into her ear, "It's going to happen anyway, but a little reassurance won't hurt." Lena nodded in response.

The shaman then started to talk to Massoit to see if they agree with the terms or not. A few seconds later they turned their attention back to the trio. "We accept your offer, now what would you like in return?"

"We would just like some bread and cranberries," Lena answered.

"That is all?" The chief asked with surprise.

"Yes, that is all that we needed," Ashley responded.

"We will give you extra,"

"You don't need to," Lena quickly answered.

"But you gave us so much," He replied.

"Only if you truly wish to," Ashley said with a nod. Sandy brought up his thoughts in the matter with a nod.

"Then we will," said Massoit.

Then the magic happened. Sandy put some of his magic sand in a pouch and handed it to the Shaman. He was very intrigued.

"I suggest you don't mess with that stuff, it's pretty powerful," Lena exclaimed. The Shaman nodded in thanks. Then her eyes turned to Ashley and the small group that surrounded her as she started to make the paint for the tribe. She used natural ingredients but the magic

she used in them would make their paintings last longer and protect them in battle.

Lena used a few elements that she had at hand and chanted a few words. Soon a wisp of air wafted through the village and started to circle Lena. Suddenly the air then burst outward, moving a bit of the trees and going to each villager. Soon the air disappeared.

"What happened?" The chief asked.

"I used elements to help secure the spells that I cast," she explained. He nodded in return. Soon he asked for his people to bring the bread and cranberries. Though they also brought baskets of various fruits and berries. The extras.

Lena then looked at Ashley, "We need to use a few of your tricks to bring this back, do you got your paintbrush with you?"

Ashley laughed and pulled it out of nowhere, "I always do," with that she painted the kitchen at the north pole in the ground. The baskets of food disappeared and Sandy followed.

"I still don't know how you do that," Lena said with a laugh as she waved goodbye and was teleported away.

"Happy Thanksgiving everyone," Ashley said as she saluted and vanished into the portal, the portal closing after she left. Leaving others to wonder and ponder if they would ever see their newly made friends again, but they would never forget them. The saying she did, never left.

` A few minutes later Ashley appeared in the North Pole's kitchen to a surprised North. Lena and Sandy had pushed the food to one side.

She then looked to North with a broad grin, "Shopping's done." Lena and her bursted out laughing as Sandy quietly chuckled with them. North shook his head in amusement and laughed along with them.

22. I smell a Rat

It was Thanksgiving afternoon and Ashley and Lena were sitting in the kitchen, waiting for North. Ashley was tapping her fingertips on the countertop in boredom.

"Where is he?" She complained. "It's been a few hours. We gave him the ingredients before hand,"

"It's a lot of food to prepare for seven people and a few of his yetis. Plus a few fairies. Do you think Baby Tooth will join us?"

"Of course, she never leaves Toothiana's side,"

"Good point, have you noticed that she is a little different from the rest of them?"

Ashley nodded and played with her now brunette hair. "Yeahâ€¦hey, would you mind braiding my hair?"

"Sure! I'm glad that my hair is back to normal, thanks for the green highlights by the way," she chimed as she grabbed a few strands and started to braid.

After one braid, food started to magically appear around them. First was the pies, then the sides, and the stuffing. Then more and more began to appear. Last but not least came the big, delicious smelling turkey. The more vegetarian dishes were to the right, usually for Bunnymund.

Ashley was about to speak when a male voice spoke from behind her. "Where did all the food come from?" That made her jump a bit and turned around.

There, leaning on the door frame, was Jack. A big pearly white smirk was on his face. She rolled her eyes.

"Seriously Jack, would you stop trying to scare Ashley," Lena stated with an eye roll.

"What, I'm just having a bit of fun," he chuckled.

"Well hardy har har," muttered Lena.

"Seriously though, where did all this food come from?"

That was when a portal opened behind Jack and North, Phil and some of the yeti's appeared. "Dat would be me," he said.

"Oh yeah! I forgot you were a wizard," Lena said with a grin. Jack just dumbfoundedly.

"Yes, I learned from a good friend of mine."

"Ombric right? The guy from Atlantis," She questioned with a tilt of her head, "He is Father Time as well, isn't he?"

"Yes, dat is true," he said with a smile.

Ashley nodded but she spotted Phil and waved, "Hey Phil!" Lena said the same thing after. Phil then quickly went passed North and gave the girls a giant bear hug.

"It's good to see you too Phil!" Lena chuckled as she was being smothered by the furry creature. "How are you?"

Phil warbled something and from behind them, Jack was watching in disbelief.

"Ah, that's good to hear," she replied.

He nodded and let the girls go. Toothiana and her fairies flew in and instantly went to Jack and check his teeth.

"Yup! Still white as snow!" She beamed, she then flew over to the girls. Her fingers slid into Ashley's mouth and she moaned in complaint.

"Stop your moaning, I'm just checking. I see you are getting better

at flossing," Toothiana said as she pulled her fingers away. Ashley blushed in embarrassment.

"So that's why you take long in the bathroom," Lena stated with a giggle. Ashley blushed even further.

Toothiana then turned to look at her. "Your turn."

She nodded and opened her mouth willingly. Her fangs glinting in the light. The fairy then stuck her fingers in and checked. "No cavities as far as I can see," she said as she stood up.

"Yes!" Lena exclaimed as her record wasn't broken. Ashley shook her head in amusement. Baby Tooth then flew over Ashley's shoulder and towards Lena. She squeaked in her little language and Lena nodded.

"Oh really,"

The squeaking continued as they had a small chat.

Ashley spotted North and Tooth talking. Tooth was whispering into his ear. Ashley heard a tid bit: "I guess she can talk to my fairies." North nodded, "As well as my yetis." Ashley gave a chuckle and looked overhead as Sandy flew in with his golden airplane.

"On time as usual Sandy," She giggled.

The sand dispersed and Sandy gave a thumbs up. From behind Ashley, Lena talked with Baby Tooth and she went to fly over to Jack. Soon Lena was by her side.

"Where's cottontail?" Jack asked.

"Try looking behind you mate," Bunny spoke up as he appeared from the floor.

Ashley then clapped her hands together, "Everyone is here, time to feast?"

They cheered and headed for the rather large dining room table that was set in the ballroom. The ballroom was nicely decorated for such occasion. Leaves of every color was on the floor and the pillars were formed the shape of trees. The lights floated around in a dazzling show and the table was fit for everyone.

"Wow, you guys did a good job," gasped Tooth.

"Thank you," said the girls in unison.

Everyone then picked a spot to sit, before everyone sat down, North snapped his fingers and the food magically appeared in such a dazzling display. Gasps and awes ensued. Just as they sat down and started to grab their food, Ashley spotted Bunny stopping and smelling the air.

"What is it?" She asked.

Bunny frowned and muttered, "I smell a rat."

23. Sick em'

Ashley sighed and shook her head, "I'll go check it out." The others nodded as she pushed out her chair and got up and walked out to go see who or what it was.

Lena looked over to Bunny who was on edge. He was tapping his fingers and moving his ears to listen to Ashley and the newcomer's conversation.

"You ok?" Lena asked him with a tilted head.

He sighed and nodded, "Yeah, just-" He stopped in mid sentence as he heard Ashley scream. It didn't take many seconds for everyone to burst through the courtyard door to see Ashley trying to push the groundhog away from her. To no avail, it wasn't working. He was puckering his lips and pushing his way to her face.

"WHY I OTTA!" Snarled Bunny as his eyes narrowed to thin lines. While Bunny fumed trying to think of what to do, Lena got a head start. She quietly walked behind the groundhog.

"What exactly are you doing?" She asked with a toothy grin. Her fangs glinting from the sunlight.

The groundhog dropped Ashley like a sack of bricks as he jumped a bit from the voice. He narrowed his eyes as he turned to spat at it, but stopped and gaped dumbfounded to see the girl who freaked him out at the dance. Bunny ran over to pick up Ashley as the nuisance started to speak.

"I thought the wings were part of a costume," he stuttered as he began to back away.

Lena then burst out laughing, the rest of the group just stared at her with a raised brow. She stopped as she saw the faces she got. "What...I go into laughing fitsâ€¦" she admitted sheepishly. She then turned to the ratbag with a the same toothy grin. "No, I'm part dragon."

That made him sweat bullets. He looked around a bit at the others before went to the hole that he came out of. "Wellâ€¦I'll see ya later then sweet cheeks," he said to Ashley with a wink. "I'll come back for you later, be sure to wear something cut," he smirked as he licked his lip.

That gave Ashley shivers down her spine and Bunny started to growl as his ears went back against his head. Lena was also annoyed, her fists were clenched. "KEITH!" She called.

"Keith?" Ratbag asked with a raised brow and a deep chuckle.

Lena just ignored him for the most part as the water below started to bubble and grow into a pillar. From inside the pillar, a snout came out and the water trickled to nothing, leaving a giant serpentine head.

"Yes chicky?" He asked. To Lena it was like clear english, but to the rest it was a gurgle growl.

The groundhog looked at the beast in horror but also with confusion. "What did it say?" he asked with a slightly raised brow.

"He asked me what I called him for," she said from over her shoulder, though turned with a knowing grin. That freaked him out a wee bit more. Lena was satisfied as she turned to look at Keith once more. "Sick em?"

"My pleasure chicky," He responded with a serpentine grin. His slitted eyes narrowed as it looked at the puny creature by the hole.

As the creature came towards him, the Groundhog let out a girlish shriek. He jumped and into the hole he went, not to be seen again that evening.

Ashley let out a sigh of relief and turned to look at Lena's guard "Thank you." She said before starting to head back to the food. North and the others were already on their way, they weren't phased by the event in the least.

Lena nodded, "Thanks and I'll see you later," she said as Keith nodded and sunk back down to the watery depths below. She then scurried over to Ashley and whispered, "That was enjoyable. Remind me to sick Brianna on him next time."

Ashley chuckled, "Yeah, but hopefully there won't be a next time." She then shuttered at the thought of him returning. "Let's shrug this off and go eat our meal before it gets cold,"

Lena nodded and soon they all ate a joyous meal. North was the one who ate most and at the end, he patted his stomach proudly with a toothpick in his mouth. Toothiana had whizzed the bathroom after to brush and floss her teeth. Sandy smiled and was talking with Jack, showing many pictures above his head. Jack just laughed in response. Ashley was finishing up her meal as Bunny was nibbling on a small carrot in thought. She was wondering why he was so worried. Lena had brought up a book and she was just reading a bit as she overheard her friends on various things.

North looked around and thought. "Since we are done, how bout we check up on children?"

Lena then rose a finger from behind her book. "We can watch it on our tv in the family room down the hall," She said before flipping another page.

"Then why are we still sitting here?" Jack asked as he stood up and waited for the others to join him.

"Follow me," Ashley said as she led the small group to the family room. Toothiana followed a bit later due to the point she just came out when she spotted North's black trimmed coat go down a hallway.

North sat down on a big couch that fit everyone. Jack lounged back, Sandy was poking the fabric to feel how soft it was. Toothiana laid on the back of the couch, her wings resting for the most part. North took of the most seating, while Ashley chose to stand with

Bunny. Lena was the one closest to the remote so she took it and turned the tv on. For a few minutes, they looked at a couple countries to see how everything was going until they came across a virginia. There on the screen was a man holding a pot with a couple of drawings on it. Ashley, Lena and Sandy went wide eyed as they heard what the man said.

"A new discovery was found here in Jamestown, Virginia. A bunch of artifacts from the Wampanoag tribe. It depicts pictures of three beings of power. One of dreams, one of art, and one of legend. North, Tooth, Jack, and Bunny turned to look at their companions with a raised brow, but all they got was laughter. Lena, Ashley were hanging onto each other in hysterics, while Sandy was quietly chuckling to himself. The others turned to look at each other in wonderment and just shrugged.

"Stranger things had happened," Tooth said and North nodded.

"Indeed."

24. Welcome Home Frost

Ashley and Lena's voices echoed off the walls of their home . They were exploring for the day. They already found a couple rooms that they had not seen yet. Seeing a couple different rooms, their outfits reflected off a few. Ashley had clay beads in her hair. Her skin pale compared to the darkness of her wore a very simple and flowy outfit. Lena by her side had her hair in a pixie cut and she wore black skinny jeans with a sweater and her favorite high tops. They found an african styled room, full of tribal drums, african masks, and tribal headwears.

"Thank goodness, there aren't any hunting trophies, I would've freaked," Lena stated as they continued on their search.

"I know you would've," Ashley replied as she walked by her side. Her eyes taking in everything that they passed. Their home was like a maze, it would take years for any regular person to figure out where everything was, yet they knew where to go by instinct.

"Where should we go next?" she asked with a curious tilt of her head.

Ashley bit her lip and thought as she peered around them. Her eyes then landed on a unique shaped door. Something flashed in her mind as she looked at the frosted glass door. "H...how about here?"she asked as she walked towards it.

Lena blinked, "Wow, where did this come from?"

"Where do most of our rooms come from," Ashley retorted.

Lena chuckled, "Touche, "

Ashley nodded and opened the door, when she stepped inside a blast of cold air hit them and made her shiver. "It's freezing in here," she said through her chattering teeth.

"Really?"

"Yeah, I would ask if this was the freezer if I didn't see the bedroom furniture," Ashley joked a bit as she blew into her hands to try to keep herself warm.

"Are you going to be ok?" Lena asked concerned.

"Yeah, just really cold, but I just got a great Idea," she stated as she explored the room once more.

"Tell me already," Lena said as she followed her around.

"Who does this remind you of?" Ashley stated simply.

"Jack!"

"Bingo!" Ashley giggled. "I think this would be perfect for him sinceâ€¦" she stated as her mind wandered off to his recent home.

"Since he now lives in a cave," Lena finished and her friend nodded. "Wait..how do we know that?"

"I just guessed," she said and stretched.

"I can't believe that he lives in a cave in this world as well."

"Yeah, well that's going to change now, isn't it?"

"I couldn't agree more, let's go!" With that the two went out to go find Jack and to explain to him about the recently found room just for him.

An hour later the two were flying over Burgess, coming close to the lake where Jack resided. Lena landed effortlessly while Ashley flew down and fell a bit due to the lack of landing of her drawn jetpack. She got a full face of her snow. She shook it out, her face now red as she stood up. Lena chuckled a bit.

"We're here, so where is he?" Ashley asked with crossed arms.

"Hmm...I wonder," Lena said as she looked down at the ice.

"What are you thinking," Ashley asked with a tilted head.

Lena just held up a finger as she walked onto the ice and stomped on it. She then waited for a response or a reaction.

"Stop! What are you doing?" He asked as she walked out from his cave.

"Uhh...trying to get you out here," Lena replied.

"All you had to do was say my name," he chuckled with a playful smirk.

"Oh really, how are we suppose to know that? How would we know where your cave was?" Lena retorted.

"Well, it's the only cave herel," he laughed.

"It's well hidden," Ashley piped up.

"Yeah, it wasn't seen over the past three hundred years," Lena sighed as she crossed her arms.

Jack just shrugged, "Oh, well so what's the problem?"

Ashley was going to answer when a male voice called for him.
"Jack!"

Out from behind the trees, Jamie and the gang showed up. "Jamie!" Jack laughed as he flew over to them. "What's up?"

"Who are you talking to?" He asked as he tilted his head. "I heard you talking, are you going crazy yet?" He chuckled.

Jack laughed more and shook his head, "No I was talking to a couple friends."

"What friend's" Claude asked with a raised brow.

"Oh yeah, you guys don't know them yet. They are new...their names are Ashley and Lena. Ashley is the spirit of Art, and Lena is the spirit of Myths and Legends."

"Art and Myth and Legends?" Caleb asked, doing the exact same eyebrow lift as his twin.

"Yeah, you have to believe in them to see them," Jack said.

"Just like you needed to," Jamie said in thought. "Well if they are your friends then I believe in them."

"So do I!" said Pippa.

"Me two," replied Cupcake.

"Us two as well," announced Caleb and Claude.

"Me as well," shrugged Monty.

"Yeah," Sophie giggled cutely.

Jack nodded, "Perfect, now do you see them?" He asked as the two were now seen. Gasps and smiles were on all their faces.

Ashley giggled and waved, "Hello!"

Lena gave a wave as well and smiled, "Hey."

"Is that a jetpack?!" gasped Claude and Caleb as they swarmed around her.

She laughed and beamed, "Yeah, I drew it."

"You drew it?" They asked with questioning looks.

"Yeah, whatever she draws comes to life, like the caveman in our house," Lena muttered.

"You are never going to let that go are you?" she asked.

"Nope," Lena smirked.

Ashley just shook her head and sighed, "That was an accident and you know it!"

"Yeah, I know, but still I like Grug so no hard feelings," Lena replied. "Plus you're the one who gets the hair pulled."

She sighed, "Don't remind me."

Lena yelped as someone pulled on her wings. She turned to see small Sophie looking at them with a curious gaze. "Did she draw your wings as well?" She asked softly as her finger felt it.

She knelt down to her size and smiled softly. "No, these are connected to my body. I'm part dragon," she said softly.

"Cool!" The kids said in chorus.

Lena laughed and smiled.

"Now you have a fan club," smirked Jack.

"And like you don't?" Lena asked with a raised brow.

"Yeah, all the girls that I knew of fawned over you," Ashley replied.

Jack blinked, "Really?"

"Don't start that, he'll get an even bigger head than he does now," Lena smirked as she pushed Ashley gently.

The kids just watched the three of them bicker, it was quite amusing to them. Then Jamie piped up. "You sound like siblings," He said.

That stopped the trio, they turned to look at him. "I guess in a way we are," Lena said with a shrug. Ashley nodded as Jack rose a brow but shrugged anyway.

"Now, I have an idea," smirked Lena.

"Which is?" Ashley asked warily.

Though Lena didn't answer Ashley, she just formed a snowball in her hand by magic and threw it at her target. Which in this case was Jack. He blinked and grinned, forming one of his own.

"Now you made war," He said and threw it right back at her.

"SNOWBALL FIGHT!" Shouted Cupcake as she made a giant sized snowball

and looked around for her own victim. She got hit a few times as well. Soon everyone was in battle with each other. Snow flew in the air as they exchanged blows. This lasted for hours. It only stopped when all the children were lying on their backs laughing and covered with snow.

"Now THAT was fun," piped Monty.

Everyone then burst out in laughter. Ashley then stood up and dusted herself off. "It's getting late, you guys should head home."

"Awww," moaned Claude and Caleb as they stood up.

"But, we want to play more," Jamie said.

"I got school work though," sighed Monty.

"You always got work to do," complained Pippa.

Jack just chuckled and shook his head. "You guys can come back tomorrow, I'll always be here."

"Don't be too sure about that," Lena stated, "That's why we came here." She then waved goodbye to the kids as they joked around with each other until they disappeared out of view.

"Yeah, we found something that you might like," Ashley said as she shivered.

"Now what would that be?" He asked curiously.

"Should we tell him, or should we show him?" Lena asked as she turned to look at her partner.

"It might be better to show him," Ashley replied.

"Ok then, Jack. Snowglobe." Lena ordered.

"What snowglobe?" He asked

"this one!" Ashley beamed as she grabbed one from his pocket.

"Oh that one, sure" He laughed and soon it was thrown to the ground and the transportation began. Soon they appeared at the small room where they had discovered.

Ashley pointed to it, "Go ahead and look at it. We believe it was meant for you," she stated.

Lena nodded before Jack slowly took hold of the knob and opened the door. At that moment he let out a gasp and he looked around the room with a big smile. The two then knew that he was going to stay. He didn't turn to them but asked. "Are you really asking me to stay?"

"yes," They both replied.

"Then I accept that offer," He said with a goofy but happy grin.

25. Energizer Bunny

A line of eggs were waiting by the bank of the purple dyed river to be painted by Bunny and his guests. Bunny was carefully holding the egg as he put designs on it with precision. Though as he paused to look at his work, he couldn't help but to look to the girl who sat next to him. She had changed her hair many times, whether it be style or color and that day was no exception. Ashley now had her hair blonde and in the style of a long loose braid that gently lid upon her shoulder as she decorated the egg. Her golden eye wandered from the egg to Bunny and she couldn't help but get a slight blush. As she got distracted, the brush then made its way over her hand leaving behind a blue line. It resulted in Lena chuckling from behind, giving Ashley fuel to blush more.

From behind the trio was a rustle as Jack burst out of the bushes and past them. He landed in the river, causing the waters to buckle against the banks and splash his left them in an equal shade of purple. Lena was the first to blink her eyes, and when she did it seemed annoyance radiated from them.

"Jack!"

Lena then jumped up from the spot and strode towards the frost child. Her eyes burned red in irritation. Jack laughed at her before he flew out of reach. As her grabby hands missed him by an inch, he started to taunt her with various gestures. That fueled her more as she clenched her hands into fist. Bunny, who had painted a couple more eggs by that time, spotted her and chuckled.

"Oi Frosty, you better watch out the sheila might bite," Bunny joked, though as he turned to look at Lena he gave a slight chuckle. It had earned him a slight glare from the dragon winged girl.

Ashley had picked up a different brush as she got up and headed over to Lena. As she did so, her eyes were locked onto the egg as arches and dots appeared in a complicated manner, making quite the design. As she walked, Lena noticed that the purple river dye that was splashed on her began to drip down her as if she was water resistant. She looked at herself and Bunny and noticed the same thing, it was a problem that fixed itself.

As Ashley walked by, Lena leaned over and whispered into her ear, "I feel like Dave from Alvin and the Chipmunks."

"I bet you do, Jack is like Alvin," she laughed in return to her friend's comment. Though as she walked past Lena, she stepped on an icy path made by Jack. Bunny spotted her and was running, trying to warn her but it was too late she was falling. He caught her and he landed on his back. Ashley had closed her eyes for a mere second, but when she reopened them, they widened a bit and her cheeks gained a rosy hue. She wasn't the only one who was a shade of pink.

"S..sorry," Ashley stuttered as she got off him quickly and helped him up.

"Not a problem," He chuckled as he rubbed behind his ears sheepishly.

She nodded until she spotted where her brush landed on him. It was a pink splotch on his gray fur. At first she thought it would drip down like the dye, but she was mistaken. The paint had been absorbed into his fur and was starting to spread due to her magic. Ashley then face palmed.

"I'm sorry Bunny,"

"For what?" He asked not knowing his fur was halfway pink.

"For making you look like the energizer bunny," She explained with a light blush.

"Not yet he doesn't," Piped Jack as he flew towards him with a pair of black shades clenched in his hand. The glasses were soon released and they landed on the bridge of his nose and the mischievous boy then flew off laughing.

Ashley turned away to stifle a giggle, though Bunny wasn't amused for he growled and shook his fist at him. "Wait till I get a hold of ya!" He shouted but to Jack it was an empty threat. The commotion quickly escalated to the point where Bunny was now chasing Jack around his Warren. Lena smirked and disappeared after slipping the paintbrush out of Ashley's hand. Ashley didn't even realize it, for she was too concentrated in trying to keep her crush from killing her 'brother'.

Jack smirked as he floated just out of Bunny's reach to stick his tongue at him and continued to taunt him. Though as he played around, he didn't realize that a pair of hands and a face appeared behind him. A paintbrush in one hand. Ashley spotted this and stifled another giggle as Lena winked in her direction. She then touched Jack's hair with the end of the paintbrush and it slowly turned from white to pink. Soon it began to spread and Lena disappeared again, only to reappear next to her longtime friend to watch what would happen next. They both exchanged a knowing grin. It wasn't long before they heard a burst of laughter from Bunny and a scream from Jack.

"MY HAIR!"

26. Newborn

"I remember this," Lena said as she trailed a hand down the mural wall, it's ancient paint not rubbing off. It had been there for years.

"Yeah, it was a sad scene scene," Ashley muttered under her breath from beside her, she looked at the intricate designs.

They were helping Toothiana with a few things at her palace. After a bit she had brought them down to see the mural, but before she can say anything else her duty called and she had to fly. Now they were looking at it and wondering if their own memories were also included here. As Toothiana did her job, she had left Babytooth to accompany Lena, Ashley and Grug. When Ashley and Lena were distracted, Grug decided that he was a monkey and began to climb the nearest tree. Babytooth who had looked away from the two girls spotted him and

rolled her eyes. Quickly she flew over and tried to get their attention but they didn't notice her. She gave another roll of her eyes before flying over to Grug and trying to get him down. Though as she got up to him, she was grabbed by his massive hands and held prisoner. She let out a squeak as he began to shake her like maraca.

Lena heard the peril squeaks of their small companion and turned to Ashley, "Did you hear-"

Her sentence was cut off as the big lug fell on her, causing her to fall onto her stomach. As her stomach hit the ground her head was next to do so, making her groan in pain.

Ashley winced and shouted at the caveman. "Grug! Corner now!" Her arm extended and her finger was outstretched to a corner formed by the rocks that made the mural.

Grug pouted and his forehead sloped farther and he mumbled to himself before turning towards the rock and started to stomp off before Ashley piped up once more.

"Release her."

He rolled his eyes and tried to complain to her but as he opened his mouth he spotted the fire in Ashley's eyes and he curled his mouth into a deeper frown and reluctantly released the fairy. Babytooth rushed out of his hand rather quickly and hid behind Ashley. She was squeaking into her ear madly and just as fast, Ashley was apologizing.

"Oh, don't mind me I'm just bleeding all over the place," Lena sarcastically remarked as she slowly got onto her feet. Ashley heard her and rushed over quickly. She looped an arm around hers to keep her steady. Ashley looked over to her friend with a sheepish smile but all she got was an annoyed look. A trickle of blood still seeping from the edge of her lips. Lena turned her attention away from her friend to the small puddle on the ground. Her eyes narrowed as she spotted something but her view was blocked off. Babytooth was suddenly in her face squeaking rapidly as she held something white in her tiny hands. She shoved it into Lena's face.

"What is it Babytooth?" she asked with a raised eyebrow.

Ashley gasped and said, "It's a tooth,"

Lena quickly shook her head as she looked at the tooth that was now in her hands. "It's not an ordinary tooth," she whispered.

"What do you mean it's not just a tooth?" said a female voice that was coming from behind the trio. They turned to see Toothiana making her reappearance. Lena smiled slightly and held up the bloodied tooth.

"It's a baby tooth!" Lena was starting to say.

"A BABY TOOTH!" Squealed Toothiana as she flew towards her quickly and snatched the tooth from her gently. She looked at it in awe. "Oh my! Look at it, it's so clean," she giggled. She then started to wipe away the blood and her smile seemed to grow more, "and so

healthy!"

Ashley just raised a brow at them before looking over to check on Grug. Grug was still in his corner, but he had looked over to the commotion. He spotted Toothiana and tilted his head curiously. His eyes on her until he spotted Ashley who was spinning her finger. A signal for him to turn around. He grunted slightly and turned as he crossed his arms.

She turned just in time to hear Tooth say, "Where did you get this?"

"It came out when I hit my head after Grug landed on me," Lena said with a dead panned voice.

Tooth blinked, "From you?" She asked as she flew over to her.

"Yeah-

Before Lena could say anything more, the tooth lifted out of Tooth's hands and into the air. There it began to spin and glow, projecting her memories. Memories from holidays like Christmas and Easter, and a few with her friends, they were like film reels. The others watched in awe, but Lena herself was purely amazed and intrigued. Slowly the spinning slowed down and the light dimmed, and as it did so it revealed a form of a small fairy. Then the brightest flash came, making everyone close their eyes.

When Lena reopened them, she gasped, "Babytooth?" she asked.

Babytooth was squeaking in response but she was stopped as Tooth answered her, "No, a newborn...but not from me."

There floating in front of them was a small, white fairy. Her body curled in the air as if it was sleeping. Her tiny reddish-pink eyes soon revealed themselves as she woke up. Her tiny hands rubbing them.

Ashley then turned to Tooth with a raised brow and a bright smile, "Did this ever happen before?"

"No it hasn't, this is a first for me," Tooth replied with a brighter smile.

"My babytooth turned into a fairy?" Lena asked with a raised brow, "and I am nineteen, how is that possible?"

The little white fairy then looked around the area. Her eyes wide in curiosity, she then spotted Lena and floated over and gave her a cute, small hug. Lena blinked and gently patted the small creature on the back as she hugged back. Ashley giggled softly and smiled, so did Toothiana. From the rock where Grug was being punished at, he turned to look at them once more. He frowned and decided that he was going to join them. Slowly he snuck away from his corner and towards the group. His objective? To see the pretty lady. He sneaked up to Toothiana from behind and started to pet her feathers.

Toothiana blinked as she felt her feathers being played with and she

turned to see the culprit, so did Ashley and Lena. He gave a goofy, toothy smile, " Pretty birdy," he chuckled as he continued to ruffle her feathers. Lena chuckled but Ashley was annoyed.

"Grug, back to your corner. You haven't finished your time-out yet," she said.

He pouted and held onto Tooth more as he gave them a questioning look.

"No you can't bring her," Ashley stated as she folded her arms. Babytooth then peaked out from behind Ashley's neck. She didn't want to be grabbed in his rough hands again. She started to squeak as she pointed at his face and she looked angry.

Grug then blinked before he started to bawl. His hand dropped away from Toothiana's as he pointed at Babytooth accusingly. Ashley shook her head, " She doesn't like it when you try to steal her mother away." Grug then grabbed Toothiana again but tighter and towards him. Toothiana then winced a bit as she let out a small huff, "...he's a strong fellow isn't he.."

" .Go," She ordered.

He shook his head, which also resulted in shaking Toothiana.

"If you don't let her go, you'll be in the corner again," Ashley stated.

Grug then stuck his tongue out at her as he turned away from her, the queen of the fairies being dragged to do so as well.

Ashley by now was turning scarlet and so was her hair. Her eyes were narrowed and she was starting to form fists when Lena stood in front of her. As she stared her friend in the eyes she could have sworn she saw steam escaping her ears. Lena then put a hand on her shoulder and she started to relax a bit.

"I'll handle this," Lena muttered as her eyes slitted to that of a dragon's and they turned yellow. Her fangs started to protrude from the edges of her lips and her wings began to flap a bit. Grug didn't have to look back to know that he was in trouble, he had seen this all too well. "Grug," Lena said simply.

He slowly turned his to look at her and flinched at the sight.

" .Go. NOW!"

Grug quickly let her go and he bolted to the corner. There he curled into a ball and didn't look back.

Ashley had went over to help Toothiana and they both looked at her. They blinked when they saw her perfectly calm. It was a bit startling.

Toothiana was the first to give out a giggle, "Now that's punishment." Then the trio turned to look back at the small fairy who was accompanied by Babytooth. The small fairy flew away from her new found friend and landed on Lena's head gently. It resulted in Lena giggling softly.

"Now what should we name you?" Lena asked as she looked up at her.

"How about Fae?" Piped Ashley.

The newborn shook her head as she looked at the rest of them.

Then Babytooth squeaked happily into Tooth's ear and she giggled in response before repeating what she had heard. "Babytooth thought Aeriwyn would be good," she said.

Her head tilted cutely but still the small fairy shook her head.

Toothiana then thought herself, "Aiko?"

The newborn rose a brow before squeaking her no and shaking her head. She then laid on her stomach and peaked over Lena's brow to look at her 'mother'.

"Enya?" she asked softly.

The newborn nodded and squeaked happily as she shot into the air and spun around.

"Enya is it? Welcome to the family," Piped Ashley as she clapped and everyone laughed as she flew around happily.

27. Into the Bermuda

It was Christmas Eve morning when the oven timer went off inside the Dravinci kitchen. Ashley was caked in flour and laughing as she spotted green icing on Lena's nose.

"Ashley!" Lena laughed.

"What?" She replied with a smile. She then blinked as a cloud of flour enveloped her. A small giggle was heard near her ear. "Enya!"

Lena was laughing even harder as her fairy came floating back to her.

"We are wasting flour!"

"But we're done anyway and you were already covered."

After a bit of thought, Ashley nodded and smiled as she put down the spatula she was holding. "Fine I'll go get cleaned."

"Ok, I'll meet you in your room. I'll be looking in the winter section of your closet."

"Ok," Ashley replied as she headed towards the bathroom.

Ashley walked into her room and towards her closet. Her wet hair had made spots on her grey tank top and her sweat pants were a little baggy. She went into her closet and passed many sections as she headed to the one that Lena was in. She spotted her and smirked.

Slowly she crept up to her. Lena stopped her with a finger.

"Not so fast," She commented not even looking away from a rack of clothes.

Ashley let out a sigh and giggled with a smile, "I can't get past you. So did you pick one yet?"

Lena shook her head with a grin, "No you can't, and no I haven't. I think I need a little help," she replied.

"Ok, what did you have in mind?"

Lena crossed her arms as she thought, "I was thinking of something along the lines of snow and winter."

She nodded and started to look through her racks. "I got a few outfits I have in mind," She replied as she dug into her closet and pulled out three outfits.

As she was digging, Lena asked, "Hey Ashley? Do you think we can make it long again? I miss the braid."

"Yeah, just hold on," She said as she pulled out three outfits she thought she might like. The first one was a long sleeved sweater that ended near the upper thigh. It was a pale blue color with a silver belt just above the hip. A pair of black leggings accompanied it with a pair of white boots. She raised a brow.

Lena shook her head, "Not bad just not me,"

Ashley nodded then raised the second one for her to see. The second one was red, silky shirt. On the back was lacing of holly berries and mistletoe. With a pair of nice jeans and black flats. "How about this one?"

"Thanks but no."

"It was a try," She shrugged and showed her the last one. It was a pair of light blue jeans with a furry white sweater and a pair of faux fur white boots.

Her eyes turned a light blue and she smiled, "Perfect!"

Ashley nodded as she went and got dressed herself. She came out wearing a tube dress with a heart neckline. It was red and came to a little bit above the knee. The top and bottom were lined with white faux fur. Around her waist was a black belt with a golden buckle. To match her dress she wore knee high black boots with a golden buckle near her ankle, they too were lined with white faux fur. Around her shoulders was a white crop jacket with red faux fur around her neck and on the end of her sleeves. She giggled and bounced around, which resulted that the santa hat she wore bounced and the bells at the end jingled.

Lena came out after and stared and smirked, "Trying to impress or upset?"

She gave a faint blush, "Impress,"

"We'll see how it turns out, can you do my hair now?"

Ashley nodded and went over her fingers gently touching her hair and it began to grow. "Any color choice?"

"Keep it plain auburn, no colors this time,"

"Ok, done," She said as the hair began to braid itself.

"Got a blue headband by any chance?"

"Yeah," Ashley said as she picked it up from a nearby table.

A sudden burst of wind slammed into the castle, which resulted in the girls falling into a heap of limbs and wings.

"Owâ€|"muttered Lena as she began to pick herself up and repositioned the headband she just put on.

"What the-" Ashley began before Grug burst into the room, frantically spouting nonsense and waving his arms.

She quickly went over to him and tried to calm him down. He eventually said, "Wind. Pushed home in new direction."

Lena turned to Ashley with a raised brow. "Let's go ask Charlie."

Ashley was about to walk when Lena took a hold of her wrists. "Hold on, we'll fly. It is faster." Ashley didn't object and soon they took flight down to the base of the island.

They reached the platform and Lena ran to the railing. At that moment Charlie emerged from the deep.

"What the HECK is going on Charlie?" Lena exclaimed.

"Ma'am the entire island has been shifted toward the Bermuda Triangle."

"What?"

Ashley watched in confusion as her friend exclaimed in a loud manner. "Explain! Tell me something! Tell me what he said!" She begged.

Lena turned toward Ashley as she ran her fingers through her hair in worry. "We're heading to the Bermuda Triangle."

Ashley's eyes widened in fear as the two looked out to the horizon. In the distance a tiny island surrounded by a grey mist came into sight. The mountain peak towered above the fog. As they drew near the fog began to dissipate. What they both saw caused both of their jaws to drop. The island was separated into four seasons with summer being closer to the shore and winter towards the mountain. They turned to see Charlie disappear beneath the waves as their island came to a stop.

When they stepped off the platform and onto the sandy beach, two figures emerged from the thick forest. The first one to come out was a girl around the age of twelve. Her hair in a ponytail and her blue

eyes filled with boredom. The old man behind her, dressed all in blue, had smile.

"Welcome to the Island of the Four Seasons. I'm Old Man Winter."

Ashley and Lena blinked, shock on their faces. The girl just rolled her eyes.

"And I'm Sommer," She muttered.

"Summer?" Ashley asked.

"Yes, I'm the spirit of summer,"she said in a placid voice.

"That makes sense, I guess," thought Lena.

Old man winter shook his head in amusement. "Now, Now sommer, we can't go on a rant now. Emily Jane wants to speak to them."

"EMILY JANE?!"

"Why yes, she brought you here," he said.

"Why would Mother Nature want us here?"

"You'll just have to find that out when you get there, now won't you," Sommer muttered flatly.

Lena rolled her eyes and whispered to Ashley," She's got an attitude, reminds me of my sister."

"I HEARD THAT!"

The old man patted Sommer on the head,"Now, Now we mustn't keep Emily waiting."

Sommer reluctantly nodded. Soon they all headed towards the mountain.

28. Sacked

Old Man Winter tapped his gnarly staff on the ground and the grand entry of the giant tree opened. Ashley stared up into the tree before walking towards the door. She saw branches that were bare, branches with blooming buds and branches full of lush leaves. Lena went over and started to pull her in for she had stopped in awe. Ashley gave a sheepish smile before following the others down the hall towards another pair of doors. They stopped at a set of rather large doors that were intricately detailed. Old Man Winter stopped them and patiently waited.

A sweet and powerful voice, that was distinctly female, echoed through the doors. "Enter." Soon a burst of wind opened the doors to reveal a grand room. Emily Jane was sitting in a chair in the middle of the room, with a teenager on her left and an adult male on her right.

Ashley and Lena walked in, Old Man Winter and Sommer following

quietly. The teenage girl watched from where she stood before patting down her rather frilly dress. A few strands of her brunette hair fell into her green eyes. Ashley giggled softly but then blinked when she felt a pair of eyes staring at her. She turned to look at the red-headed man who was staring at her. A bit of drool had escaped his lips and a trickle of blood was seen coming from his nose. A grin was on his face, that made Ashley blink and look away towards the ground.

The young female spotted the exchange of looks between the two with Emily. Emily rolled her eyes before her companion went over to the man's side. She looked rather agitated for she pulled on the man's ear and he winced.

"Eric stop being a perv, you're scaring our guests," said the young girl.

Eric was about to say something but Emily had raised her hand to silence him. She then rose to her feet. "Before we get down to business, let me introduce the rest of my court," She said as she looked at the faces of her newcomers. "As you know, I am Emily Jane, Mother Nature," she said with a soft smile.

The young girl nodded to her 'older sister' before stepping up and curtsying to them. "I'm April Greene, the spirit of Spring. " She then looked to the man who were obviously enjoying the look of the young guest in red. She just rolled her eyes once more, "And this idiot over here—"

He gave her a glare before bowing to them," and I'm Eric Storm, Spirit of Fall." His brown eyes looking at Ashley. He flashed her a charming smile before turning to look at Lena. "Now who might you and your lovely friend be?" He asked.

Lena rolled her eyes in irritation before speaking, " I'm Lena Draco, and she is Ashley Davinci. I'm the spirit of Myths and Legends."

"And I am the spirit of Art," Ashley said as she twirled around and made a paintbrush appear out of thin air.

Eric grinned and walked over before snagging her hand and kissing it. "No wonder why you are picture perfect." Ashley bit her lip as she tried to pull her hand away, instead she let the paint brush drop and disappear. She felt very awkward as he continued to put his lips onto her skin.

Lena started to growl in annoyance, she was about to make a remark when everyone went quiet as they heard a commotion coming from down the hall. Eric narrowed his eyes as he spotted a short, burly man. He quickly stepped in front of Ashley as if to protect her. "Stay back, I'll take care of it."

"Grug?!" Lena exclaimed as he bolted past Lena and towards Ashley and Eric. He jumped onto Eric and Eric started to scream.

"You hurt! Me Fix!" Grug grunted as he tried to rub away the blood that dried upon his upper lip. Eric was trying his hardest to get the big lug off his face.

"Eric hurt him, and I will hurt you," Lena stated simply. Her comment made Eric freeze in his tracks.

Ashley then stepped up, "Grug down!" She ordered..

He reluctantly let go and climbed down. Grug looked at his 'sisters' before pointing to Eric's face. "He hurt."

Eric narrowed his eyes and rose his fist. "I'm not hurt you buffoon!"

Lena clenched her fist and her eyes changed to a yellowish tint and her pupils slitted. When Eric looked up at her, he blinked and backed up a bit in fear.

April quickly ran over to Grug and hugged him. "Aw ain't he cute? He was just worried for you Eric."

He just rolled his eyes, "That thing cute? He's uglier than you in the morning." That resulted in him getting a glare from April.

Grug then pouted and snorted, "Me don't like you."

Lena then leaned over towards Ashley and whispered, "Remind me to give him an extra banana later, besides I already like April." She nodded in agreement.

"How did a caveman get here?" Eric scoffed.

Ashley folded her arms and glared at him. "I created him. From Paint."

He went quiet.

Emily Jane took this time to gain their attention. "Let's get down to business," She didn't care if Grug had came unannounced, he was pretty amusing to her. Everyone then nodded and turned to her as she continued. "There is a reason why I had brought you here. You do know who my father is?" She asked as she looked at them.

"Pitch Black," Lena responded.

She nodded, "I would like your help in returning him back to normal."

"It's going to be hard, but we will try our best," Ashley answered.

Eric walked up to Emily's side before crossing his arms. "How are they going to accomplish such a hard task?"

"They are new spirits you idiot, we don't know what they can do." April responded, "Other than that this girl can bring paintings to life," she said as she pointed to Ashley. She gave a quick nod.

Lena smirked as she quickly tapped her foot. A small crack of ice crawled its way towards Eric and froze his feet to the floor. When he tried to turn, he realized he couldn't move.

"Wha?-" Then he snapped a glare at the chuckling old man. "Old man

unfreeze me! NOW!"

Emily quickly turned to the spirit of the fall. She narrowed her eyes and barked, "Change your tone! He didn't do it."

He blinked and turned to the girls, where Lena and Ashley was laughing a bit. His jaw dropped when he spotted a snowflake dancing around Lena's fingers.

"I can control elements," She smirked but the small group froze before they answered. Their eyes full of curiosity.

"What?" Ashley asked as she raised a brow.

"Yeah, Is there something wrong?" Lena asked as she continued to play with the snowflake. When the five was about to answer, the girl's sight went dark. The yeti's who had came from the portal behind them, threw the two sacks into the swirling portals before turning to the group. The gray yeti gave a small wave before the two of them escaped into the portal. As soon as they did so it closed as if nothing was there. Emily and the others looked at each other in confusion. Grug looked around with a bewildered look. After a bit of quietness, Eric folded his arms and glared at his comrades, "Can someone unfreeze me now, please?"

29. The Sack, Really!

A spiral portal opened before the guardian's eyes as two red velvet sacks appeared. There was movement in them, before Ashley managed to open her sack and climb out. Her hair all frizzed. She gave a glare before picking up the bag once more and reached in pulling out her santa hat. As she placed it upon her head, her hair returned to it's natural smoothness. Out of the corner of her eye she spotted Bunny's jaw dropped and closed once more. A light pink rose to her cheeks before she caught the shake of North's head.

"Can I get some help here?" Lena asked in annoyance as she continued her struggle to be free.

"Yeah, I'm coming!" Ashley responded quickly as she went over to her friend. There she opened the bag and let the dragon woman out of her red velvet prison.

As Lena crawled out the girl heard North's cheery voice. "How's trip?"

"Yeah, it was great. We _love _being stuffed in sacks and tossed through a magic portal," Lena responded sarcastically with a roll of her eyes.

"My thoughts exactly," Jack agreed with a nod.

From behind them, rather large footsteps were heard as Phil came up to the girls. He then proceeded to rant in yetish. Ashley just raised a brow as Lena began to try to calm the creature down.

"Phil! Phil! It's ok, we don't blame you," She tried to reason. Phil nodded and slowly walked away, continuing his work that North gave him.

Ashley had nodded before folding her arms. "Since we are here, why don't we get our things Lena," she asked.

"Um Ashley. They are still at the castle," Lena stated. "We were kidnapped before we could grab them," she continued as she looked at North. He gave a small grin.

Her friend then gave a cheery laugh, "Not to worry. I can make a portal and we can grab them in a snap."

Lena nodded, "Ok,"

Ashley then took off her hat and plunged her hand into it. After a few moments, she pulled out her giant paintbrush. Getting a few blinks from a couple of the guardians.

"I see the pocket dimensions are working for you," Lena grinned.

"Quite well indeed," She laughed as she started to paint a portal on the opposite wall. At first it came out in drips but slowly it formed to show the view of their beloved castle. "The packages are ready for extraction,"

"I did the food," North said.

"It's not food, it's presentsâ€|" Ashley started.

"Plus a couple batches of Ashley's homemade cookies. i thought you wouldn't mind," Lena added with a grin.

A sparkle was seen in North's eyes and he belched out a joyous laugh. "Then let's get them and set them by the tree."

Ashley, Lena, and the others went in and grabbed the gifts and the cookies. They placed the stuff under the tree in a neat and organized way for the next morning. As they were about to sit down to eat, Enya came out from Lena's long braid. She then started to squeak into her ear.

Lena laughed, "Oh, there you are."

North rose a brow, "Tooth who is new friend?"

"She's not mine North," Toothiana laughed as she watched the two talk amongst themselves.

Lena quickly turned to the two. "No, she's mine," she mentioned. "Her name is Enya," She exclaimed to them how it all happened. North, Sandy, and Bunny were all a bit surprise but they were happy to see that they had a new friend.

North was motioning to his yeti's where to place each present into the sleigh like a game of Tetris. Phil was talking to the girls a bit away. Of course Lena was translating everything he said to Ashley. In return she nodded and answered accordingly. They were saying how everyone else was a bit busy, though none was busier than that of North. Bunny had went back to his warren to start coloring his eggs early. Tooth had to fly, her fairies had called her back to work till

the next day. Sandy had to bring dreams to the kids in the southern hemisphere.

It wasn't long before North had finished packing. he turned to look at the girls. "Girl's come here for a moment,"he said.

The girls shared a look before saying goodbye to Phil and headed over to North.

"What do you two think about helping me out tonight?" North questioned with a grin. Jack had listened to the conversation before leaning over the railing of the sleigh with a big smile on his face. He was coming along to help bring the Christmas snow.

"Sure, that would be awesome!" Ashley stated in an excited moment.

"YES!" Lena exclaimed with a laugh.

"Then come on, the night is young," He chuckled before climbing into his ride. Ashley and Lena nodded before climbing in after him. Lena decided to stand next to North, while Ashley sat down a bit away. Enya had flew back into her master's hair and tried to stay there as the sleigh began to move. It wasn't long before the speed got the best of Ashley and she flew over her chair and almost out of the sleigh. Luckily Jack was there, for her pulled her to safety. She smiled her thank you to him. After everything was settled, she could hear her friend laughing at the top of her lungs as they began to do loop de loops. Not too far down the icy tunnel was the light, soon it got bigger and bigger. Before they escaped, North cracked the reins making the reindeer go faster. Soon they bolted out of the tunnel like a torpedo, shouts and hollerings followed after them.

30. Put me down!

Lena wakes up as the sun's rays kissed her once closed eyelids, as she slowly rise to a sitting position a smile crept onto her face. Today was going to be a great day, and she knew it. She looked around the slightly dim room, as she spotted Ashley entangled in her blankets. Her foot off the bed and the pillow on the ground. A light giggle escaped her lips as she walked over to her and shook her shoulders. "Ashley it's time to get up." At first she didn't answer but soon a small groan rose from her mouth and she shifted a bit more.

" A few minutes mom, the bus is a little lateâ€¦".

Lena tried to hold in her laughter when an idea popped into her head. She then walked over to Ashley's foot and frosted her hand before placing it upon her foot. She instantly jolted up from her bed with a small shriek, whipping her arm around almost slapping Lena in the face.

"LENA!"

From the corner of her bed Lena curled over laughing. Ashley glared at her but soon let out a laugh at how she might have looked.

"What was that for?!" She asked as she got up and finally got a hold

of her breath.

"What is today?" Lena countered with a small smirk.

"Christmas."

"There's your answer,"

"So? That still doesn't mean you can freeze my foot into a frosty."

"Ok, one I tried to wake you nicely but you hardly moved, two that makes absolutely no sense!"

Ashley shrugged, "You know how I sleep, i'm like a hibernating bear."

"And yet you are the one who usually wakes up before me."

"Fine, fine! Why are we standing here when we should get ready and head down. I bet they are waiting for us."

"Ok," Lena said before heading to her closet and choosing her outfit for the day. By the time Lena looked over at her. Ashley was wearing a red dress that ended right above her knees. White faux fur were on the hems on top and bottom of the dress. It was also adorned with a black belt with a golden buckle at her hips. She had short black boots with golden buckles on opposite sides of her heels. Ashley was slipping on some black gloves with the same white faux fur on the trim, they were fingerless. She smiled at Lena before putting her hair up into a side ponytail with a bell hair tie.

"What do you think?" she asked

"It looks slightly like the one you wore last night,"

"It was cute,"

"Sure, that is cute and I want to see Bunny's reaction to this one again or are you trying to catch Eric's eyes and to make him have a bigger nose bleed."

Ashley's eyes twitched a bit and shuttered when she mentioned Eric. "Ew, why would I try to impress Eric, i'm trying to get Bunny's attention. "

"Good, you were starting to worry me there for a second," Lena stated before going out the door with Ashley following behind her. As they walked it wasn't strange to see Lena with the same outfit from last night. They continued down through the hallways to North's main living room. They were exchanging conversations along the way. As they walked in, North spotted them and gave a hearty laugh before picking them up and hugging them.

"You did good my girls, last night was total success!"

Ashley laughed while she started to cough, "Thanks North..b..but a little too tight!"

"Yeah...c...can't...b..breatheâ€|." rasped Lena.

"Ooh...excuse me,"He murmured before releasing them, letting the girls gather their breaths.

"No problem. no problem," smiled Lena as she straightened up.

"So where are the others?" Ashley asked.

"Yeah, where's Jack, he should-" Lena started before getting smacked in the back of the head with a snowball.

"There he is," Ashley stated with a simple chuckle.

"Wind! If you wouldn't mind please?" Lena called. Wind came rushing in, leaving Ashley to shiver as he made Jack fly to the ceiling and hung him upside down.

"Hey! Whose side are you on anyways?" Muttered Jack who folded his arms.

"Stop being spoiled sport and come down, the others should be here soon," North said as he looked up at the hanging boy.

"I CAN'T!"

North then turned to Lena,"Call him off please?" He asked with a gruff sigh.

Lena sighed,"Fineâ€|." She then looked up as she reluctantly asked,"Wind...please come down."

"_But wwwwwwwwwhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy," _Whined Wind, though only Ashley and Lena could hear it. Jack may have sensed something, but he couldn't understand.

"Because, we have a party to start," Ashley said as she looked around, seeing the others coming in. Tooth had a few of her fairies holding presents to be put under the rather huge christmas tree. Sandy was following behind her with his sand-made plane airdropping his gifts to their spots. Out from the ground, presents started to pop like popcorn before Bunny made his appearance. The whole display was very interesting.

"Welcome friends!" North said happily but looked at Jack, though he was trying to pinpoint Wind, which he couldn't. "Wind please release Jack, you can prank him later if so be it."

"Pran-aaaah!?" Stated Jack as he started to fall. Wind caught him and turned him rightside up and put him onto the ground. His hair a bit more messy than usual. Jack was quite ticked, but as he looked at the others, he started to relax. Though quietly he muttered, "I'll get you Windâ€|.."

"Oi! The party has already started I see," Bunny said with a laugh, though the laugh trailed off a bit as he saw Ashley. He couldn't help but stare before a faint blush appeared on his cheeks.

"Yeah, I guess," Ashley said with a shrug as she walked over to him and wrapped her arm around his. Bunny blushed more before he started a conversation with her. All the while the others were getting rather hungry, Jack being more so than most. He was about to say something but his stomach said it before him, it rumbled so loud that he made everyone go silent.

North just raised a brow before chuckling heartily, "On that note: LET'S EAT!" Everyone nodded and started to head into the dining room. No one had noticed that an elf had placed a mistletoe in the doorway, that is except for a certain dragon girl. Lena grabbed Frost by the elbow gently and kissed him on the cheek. He blushed frost all over the bridge of his nose and looked at her with a raised brow and a look of whaâ€¦? Lena rolled her eyes a bit and pointed up a bit while mouthing mistletoe. He made an 'oh' face but smirked as he looked back at the last pair behind them. Ashley and Bunny. He then raised a brow and she gave a slight nod. They grinned and backed up to let the pair pass.

Ashley raised a brow at the two but stepped in the doorway. "Wait you two, look up," smirked Lena as she stayed behind them while crossing her arms. Jack was beside her snickering.

She inwardly groaned as she knew what she just stepped into. Bunny on the other hand was blushing madly as they both looked up. Ashley turned a shade of pink as the two then looked at each other. It was silent and time seemed to stop. One...two...three.. the two came closer. Four...five...six..even closer still. Their eyes were starting to close and their lips were inches away...now millimetersâ€¦, so close now. Bunny could feel her warmth breath on his face and he quietly gulped, he then leaned up...andâ€¦

" Hello Friends!" Shouted Eric as the five appeared in the dining room from a portal. Ashley blinked and turned her head, to which it was then kissed by Bunny who tried his best to touch her sweet lips but it ended up in defeat. As he opened his eyes, he saw that he missed but instead of being upset he saw her blush softly and how she touched her cheek gently, it made him smile.

From behind them, Lena murmured under her breath, " Slowly but surely." Though when she looked at Eric she rolled her eyes.

"Come on lovebirds, seems we have guests," teased Jack as he pushed through the two. His action made Bunny roll his eyes and joined him. Ashley slowed down and walked with Lena.

"You planned that," Mutters Ashley with her face still a shade of light pink.

"mmmhmm," Was all Lena said as the two came to the rather long dining table.

"Hello Emily, what brings you here?" North asked with a smile.

"It is Christmas after all North, best time for...family and friends," she says with a small smile. Her voice faltering at the latter part.

North nodded before the two girls smiled and nodded, "hey

guys."

Emily smiled and waved while April came running up and gave each a hug. Eric took a double take before coming over to Ashley and kissed her hand.

"And hello my Christmas angel,"he murmured. Lena shuttered while Bunny growled and clenched his fist. Ashley just made a weird face before backing away.

"err...hi Eric" She muttered.

"Hello girls, nice to see you once more!" cheered Old Man Winter.

Both of their faces lit up as they ran to him and gave him each a hug saying,"Grandpa." Sommer just scoffed at the warm scene.

"Hey Sommer," Waved Lena and Ashley.

As they introduced each other to Jack , North had the elves and yetis place the food on the table. He caught an elf trying to eat a cookie. He just gave him a stern look, the elf then pouted before placing the cookie back reluctantly. Once everything was placed in its spot North rang a Christmas bell and the room went silent.

"Let's Eat!"

32. Dolls without centers

"Boy am I stuffed," Jack said as he patted his stuffed belly,he then blinked as he let out a rather loud burp. As the burp echoed throughout the room, everyone fell silent. Then Lena burst out into laughter as Tooth started to scold him with a waving finger.

"Jack! Manners!"

He gave a sheepish grin while shrugging,"Er"excuse me?" Soon everyone pitched in a laugh. The laughing fits didn't last that long, as it ended when North stood up and looked at everyone.

Sommer got out of her seat and walked over to North before tugging on his arm a bit, "Is it present time now?"she asked with a slight smile.

He chuckled and lifted Sommer up and twirled her around, which made her laugh. "Of course my child! PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE!" The whole room cheered except for Bunny who was holding his ears.

"Geez North, volume."

"Oh, come on Bunny, get with the Christmas spirit. After all it is important holiday."

" Easter is just as important."

"Easter is not Christmas."

Lena facepalms while muttering,"Not again." Ashley who was beside her

nodded in agreement.

"What do you mean not again?" Asked North as he walked over to the two of them.

"Oi, she means you ranting about how Christmas is so important," Answered Bunny as he followed the large man.

"It is important."

"Is not." They kept bantering back and forth while they headed to where the others were standing. Most of them gathered around the tree.

"Easter is just as-" Bunny stopped in mid sentence as Ashley leaned up and kissed his cheek. He instantly stops and turns a shade of pink.

"Thank you," Lena retorted to Ashley before turning to the two men. "Oh, you two need to stop fighting about this. Both holidays are important. Even though Christmas has a few more songs doesn't mean Easter is not important. They are both national holidays-"

"End of discussion," Ashley finished before looking at her friend. "You get just as worked up as they do."

She shrugged, "Sorry can't help it."

"Are you chatterboxes done yet, we are waiting over here," declared Eric who was sitting by the tree. Both the girls glared at him followed by the others around him.

After a few minutes North said, "Indeed, let's go. He then headed towards the others. Bunny, Ashley and Lena followed behind. As North began to hand out his gifts, Ashley and Lena came up to him with gifts in both hands.

"North I would like to thank you for being our father figure and we would like you to have these," Ashley said as she handed over a batch of homemade chocolate chip cookies.

"And these," Lena added as she handed him two long and thin presents.

"Ooh for me?" he asked as he placed the cookies down and held the two gifts in his hands. He then slowly began to unravel them. After a few minutes he came to see beautifully decorated sheaths for his swords. His face instantly lit up. "These are beautiful, thank you girls," he said before playfully winking at the two as he grabbed a cookie and took a bite of it, "and delicious too."

"I made them by hand," Ashley said as she rubbed her neck sheepishly.

"I helped her find the recipe," Lena added with a smile.

"You two did great, now I give you my gifts," he chuckled as he placed medium sized presents into their the boxes were torn and opened to reveal two nesting dolls. Each looking like them. Their eyes widening in surprise as they looked through all five

parts.

"Are these our nesting dolls?" Ashley asked with a smile.

"Yes."

"Why don't we have centers?" Lena asked as she looked at him.

He then leaned down and whispered, "You got to find them." He then laughed with a wink before giving out the rest of his gifts. The girls just blinked as he walked away, then they tried to think about what he meant. They didn't notice Tooth fluttering towards them.

"My turn!" She chimes as she flew in front of them. They were startled at first but then they nodded.

"Ok, "

"You gotta close your eyes first," She giggled. Ashley and Lena looked at each other before shrugging and closing their eyes.

"Now hold out your hands."

They outstretched their hands. "We're ready," Ashley said as Lena nodded. Tooth then grins as she placed her gifts into their hands...or rather dropped them.

"What theâ€¦?" Lena asked as she felt the heavy box in her hand. She had dragon strength so she could hold it, but Ashley on the other hand was barely holding it. Lena then opened it to see a brightly decorated box. Ashley had the same but with jewels that represented her.

"What a beautiful box, what does it hold?" Ashley asked as she looked at the outside panels.

"It holdsâ€¦" Lena said as she gently opened the lid to reveal the true gift it held, "...a toothbrush." She gave a small smirk before leaning over to Ashley and whispered, "At least its not a tooth with blood and gums all over it." Ashley quickly nodded with a smile. The dragon girl then looks back to the fairy with a smile. "Tooth, we think of you as our motherly figure, so please accept our gift." She then picked up a rather long gift and handed it to her.

"We created it out of love," Ashley said softly as Tooth began to eagerly open it.

Tooth slowly pulled out the rainbow sari out of the box as tears trailed down her face. A small smile formed as the box dropped and she quickly hugged the two. She tried to say something but nothing came out.

Ashley shook her head with a beam, "Don't say anything, we know how you feel, just from the look on your face." Lena nodded as she watched Tooth.

Tooth then wiped the tears away, "Thank you girls," She said then flew away and towards North to show him the present she recently gained. After watching Tooth fly away, the girls scampered over to Old Man

Winter with a long box in hand.

"GrandPa!" They both said as they neared him.

He chuckled and opened his arms to look at the girls. "Girls!" He replied with a soft laugh, "What'd you bring me?"

"It's a surprise," Lena said as she handed it to him.

"Yeah, you got to open it to find out," Ashley laughed. Bunny's ears heated up a bit as he heard her.

"Oh ok," He laughed more before opening it and grinning, "Look what we got hereâ€|. a cloak?"

"Not just any cloak," The dragon girl said.

"A cloak that can protect you from hot climates," Finished her friend, "You can go anywhere you couldn't go before."

"Like Bermuda?" He asked.

"Exactly," Stated Ashley, "Don't forget to send postcards."

"Don't scare the kids now Winter," Emily stated as she walked over to the girls. "This is for you girls," she said as she gave them a picture of her island that was the size of a door. "This will allow you to visit more often."

"Thank you," they both said in unison then grabbed her gift from under the tree. She opened the present to see a winter landscape of a forest. It would've been an ordinary picture except it was moving. "It will change according to what season is occurring," Lena exclaimed.

"It's a forest that I thought would make you think of your home," Ashley said with a smile while rubbing the back of her neck.

Emily placed a hand over her heart and smiled brightly, "Thank you, I'm touched."

"A beautiful gift for a beautiful girl," Eric said with a wink as he walked up to the group. Ashley bits her lip while Emily rolled her eyes.

"Uhh...I helped too you know," Lena pointed out as she poked him in the chest a bit annoyed.

"Yeah, I couldn't have changed the seasons by a paintbrush," added Ashley as she continued to bite her lip.

Eric just gave Lena a look before muttering, "Oh, then here's a prize for helping." He then pushes her finger away before throwing a tree keychain at her. "Merry Christmas."

"Thanks," Lena mutters sarcastically, though as her attention was brought to her 'gift' she was amused. "Hmâ€|.not bad,"

Eric then turns to Ashley and held her hand. "My beautiful angel,

this gift pales in comparison to your beauty," He murmured then kissed her hand before placing the necklace into it. "The jeweled leaves on the tree changes colors to that of the season."

"Err...thank you Eric" Ashley muttered as she pulled her hand away. Lena on the other hand was fake gagging in the background. Eric spotted her and threw her a look before returning his gaze to the artist before him.

"Don't I get a gift from the beauty?" He asked with a slightly raised brow.

"Does that make you the beast?" Questioned Lena with a smirk. Eric instantly looked at her and was about to say something when he spotted Jack and Bunny laughing in the background. His face grew red with embarrassment but huffed before turning back to Ashley who was covering her mouth.

After a bit Ashley handed him a small package. "here you go," she said gently and waved her hands to open it. He started to tear the paper eagerly until he reached the prize inside. Though he blinked as he saw the camera. "The pictures move," she stated bluntly as she placed her hand on her hips.

"Err...Thank you. I can now remember your beauty in-" Eric was cut short when a rather large, red book smacked him in the face and into his arms. The title with blaring white font saying: 'How to Treat Women the Right Way' staring up at him, his mouth wide open.

"That's a hint there Eric," giggled April as she bounded after the two as they started to walk away. Emily on the other hand was laughing beside Eric. "Hey! Wait up!" She called as she skipped on up to their side. "I have stuff to give to you two."

"ok," giggled Ashley as they came to a stop.

"ok, hold out your hands," She ordered with a happy smile. They obliged. April then sprinkled flower seeds into their hands and closed them gently so that they won't fall out.

"Seeds, we can finally start a garden," She beamed as she felt them move in her palm.

"Not just any garden, but a garden of you two's favorite flowers," responded the happy lady.

"That's going to be hard for me, I don't have a favorite flower," murmured Lena with a sigh.

"Not a problem," April giggled. "It'll change flowers periodically to give you a range in types."

"Wow," Exclaimed Lena.

"We also have a gift for you April. You like flowers right?" Asked Ashley. Her question got a few raised brows and some slight roll of a few eyes.

"Indeed I do," She answered.

"These seeds will grow and when they bloom, they'll look like jewels," Lena stated as she poured the seeds into her hand.

"yeah, nothing like you have ever planted before," Continued Ashley with a giggle.

"I can't wait to plant them," April said excitedly and hugged the two girls. As she pulled away, she was called over by North. They exchanged waves before they felt a grainy touch on their shoulders. They turned around with a smile.

"Hiya Sandy," Ashley said with a gentle smile.

"hey," Lena said with a wave. Sandy smiled as held two bags of his dream sand in each hand. He then places one bag in their possession.

"Is this our present?" She asked. The golden man nodded and dumped the sand out. Ashley was about to ask why, when the bag began to magically fill back up. He then whisked a finger around and the extra sand began to swirl in the air and into the bag once more.

Lena's mouth gaped open before laughing brightly, "A...awesome!" He then chuckles quietly before nodding.

"We also have a gift for you too, Sandy," Ashley said softly as she opened a portal and grabbed the wrapped mirror before handing it to him..He blinked and began to open it. It took him a few more minutes before he started to look himself in the mirror, then he looked back at the two and smiled brightly. The two knew they did something right. "You're welcome, but it's not just any mirror, it's a two way mirror. So you can contact anyone you want to 'talk' to," Ashley continued.

Lena then leaned over and whispered, " Tell him that he can call his mermaid friends." Sandy overheard them and blushed softly as he waved and flew off to the others.

Ashley then spotted Jack talking to Old Man Winter. She gently nudged her softly and pointed to him. The dragon girl nodded and the two headed over to the pair. "Making friends?" Ashley asked as she tilted her head.

"Uh..yeah," Jack said as he let the guy go. Old Man Winter waved before heading over to Tooth.

"We got you a present,"Lena smiled as she held it behind her back. Ashley nodded and giggled at his look. "here," she said as she handed it over to him. Jack gently grasped it and it wasn't long before him to unravel the wrapping and making it drop. He stood there speechless but gave a small smile in return. He then bit his lip and rubbed the back of his neck before quickly hugging them both.

Lena then heard Wind laughing in their ears, "Oh, and I almost forgot," she then turned to Ashley, "May I?"

Ashley grinned and gave her a nod, "Indeed,"

"Oh let's see here," Lena muttered before rubbing her hands together.

The artist then whispered, "Prepare for a surprise." He just gave her a weird look before looking at Lena who was muttering incoherent words under her breath. Sparks flew from her fingers as the wind gathered strength and speed. The window shutters and doors were banging around as the wind grew stronger, and even faster still. It started to make a funnel in the middle of the room. Others turned their heads, while a few gasps. North was dumbfounded as he watched the display. Soon a blue glow formed in the center, making the shape of a boy. Jack narrowed his eyes, as the figure then curls up before releasing the energy around him. The wind made Ashley's hair fly behind her while Tooth was almost pushed to the wall. There in the middle of the room was a boy laughing. He had a cheeky grin that made his teeth sparkle pure, crystal white.

33. Sand and Shadow

North blinked as he now saw the new boy before looking at Jack then looking at wind again. "You look like Jack," he muttered in amazement.

"Who knew that's what he would've looked like," Lena shrugged.

Wind looked at the two in confusion before whining, "What are you two talking about. I don't look like him,"

"Have you seen yourself lately?" Ashley asked with a raised brow.

"I don't need to. I'm invisible," He said confidently.

"Not anymore," Lena laughed.

Wind blinked and flew up to a mirror to see his reflection. There he went wide eyed and dragged the hands down his face. "Greatâ€|. I look like that fool," he said jokingly.

"Hey!" Jack snapped and glared a bit.

"Ok, ok. Stop it you two. Come on Jack, he was only kidding," Lena said as she shook her head. Even though she said that, Wind came down to his eye level and the two started to argue. Ashley then gently pulled her away from the two as they came up to the slightly dazed Sommer.

"Hey Sommer, we got something for you," Ashley said as they came up to her.

Sommer was still a bit dazed as she looked at Wind before turning her attention to the two. "Oh...you do?" she asked with a small raise of her brow. Though she took a quick glance at wind before returning her gaze.

Lena narrowed her eyes slightly as she spotted the look. A small grin appeared on her face before nodding. "yeah, here you go," she said as she gave her a rather large box from a portal that Ashley made.

The preteen cocked her head to the side and tried to guess what was in it. She tried to throw it in the air to see how heavy it was. Seeing it was light, she tried to shake it but found that it made no

noise. After a bit she started to open it, which resulted in Lena and Ashley to roll their eyes.

"Woah!" She called excitedly as she pulled out the sun hat and placed it on her head. Sommer beamed as she started to tip it and make it comfortable on her head.

"It's not just an ordinary sun hat," Ashley said as she smirked. "It changes style to the country you go to and every year it changes to the new fashion." Lena nodded happily.

Sommer's eyes sparkled but she quickly looked away and huffed before quickly hugging the two and running off with her brand new present on her head. Lena just shook her head laughing before Ashley joined in. Though after her laughing fit ended, Ashley looked around for Bunny. She was eager to give him his. Soon she found him and quickly ran up to him and hugged him from behind.

"There you are!~" Ashley giggled as she snuggled her face into his back.

Bunny was blushing madly though he smirked when he saw Eric huffing and turning away from them.

"Already making him blush, Ashley?" Lena teased as she walked up to the two. Ashley then blushed in response before letting him go and slightly nodded. "Merry Christmas," Lena stated to Bunny as she handed him a decorated eyeglass case. Though before she could say anything else, Wind rushed by and swooped her off her feet and brought her to Jack.

"What theâ€¦" Bunny said as he watched her go but looked down at the gift he had gotten. His fingers went over the grooves of the box before opening it to reveal golden rimmed, green egg shaped glasses. He blinked before laughing softly. "Thanks a lot!" He called after her.

"They're the perfect egg shape!" She called back laughing.

Bunny gently puts the case in his holder before looking at Ashley with a slight blush on his cheeks. Though the blush only reddened as he tried to figure out what to say to her. He absentmindedly grabbed his present.. Though Ashley just gave him a reassuring smile and he finally spoke up. "I know it might not be just as good as Eric's butâ€¦".

Ashley shook her head gently, "Shhhâ€¦.your gift is going to be just as good, and even better than his,"

He blushed as his ear tips started to heat up before he continued. "Oh.. â€¦.I got you a present and I hope you'll like it," He said and handed her a beautifully crafted wooden box. She gently held it in her hand before opening it to reveal a sterling silver bracelet with a few colored egg charms that were dangling from it.

Her eyes went wide and she blushed majorly before putting it on and hugged him tightly as she whispered. "It's beautifulâ€¦.thank you." She then slowly pulled away before getting his and handing him an oddly shaped present.

He blinked, "You didn't have toâ€¦"

"But I wanted to," she said gently, "I hope you like itâ€¦"

Bunny then cupped her chin softly and tipped it up so that she can look at him as he whispered, "I'm going to love it." She blushed majorly and nodded slightly as he gently pulled away and opened the present to see a handcrafted boomerang. He went wide eyed as he grinned. "This is great Ashley, did you make this?"

"Yeah," She said softly before whispering, "With all my heartâ€¦" Bunny heard that then blushed before grabbing his gift for Lena and threw it at her.

Jack was in the path but he barely dodged it before yelling, "Hey!" Though the present didn't get damaged as Lena held up her hand and caught it as she turned her head to look at it. She gave him a raised brow before unraveling it to reveal an egg. It's colors changing periodically as she held it.

"Wow," She murmured as she watched before calling out a thanks.

"Hey Wind! Do you think I can talk to Lena for a bit?" Called Sommer as she looked from under the sun hat. He gave a nod and brought her down.

"You called?" Lena asked as she raised a brow.

"Yeah...here," she said a bit quickly as she handed her her present before running over to Ashley and giving her the same thing. She then bolted out of there. Leaving the others to stare after. Lena looked over to Ashley and they both shrugged. Lena then looked at her present once more before opening it to reveal special sunscreen.

"At least now I know I'll never get burnt," Ashley called to her.

"Good I hate sunburn," Lena responded before walking up to her.

"The only ones left to receive gifts is ourselves," The artist laughed.

"yeah," Lena said with a smile, "May I give you, yours first?"

"Sure," She said gently.

Lena handed her a box and she graciously took it. Ashley blinked as she opened the box to see a white egg with golden wings on the front. She gasped and gently took it in her arms and held it as if it was a baby. "An egg, you got me an egg?" She cooed.

Lena laughed softly and nodded, "It's one of the mystical creatures I found when I was out exploring one day." Lena was about to say what creature it was when Ashley interrupted her.

"Shhh...I want it to be a surprise," She said gently before placing the egg softly down. She then opened a portal and grabbed a present for her. She handed it to her and smiled. "Quickly, open it. I know you'll love it," Ashley said softly.

Lena gave her a confused look before unwrapping the gift and picking up a black egg that had silver and white speckles all over it, just like the night sky. Her eyes widened and her mouth was agape. "is this..what I think it is.."

"You better believe it," Ashley said with a smirk.

She placed it down gently before shrieking loudly and tackled Ashley. "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!"

Ashley laughed brightly, "You're welcome." Though as she looked around, the others either raised their brows or covered their ears. Lena then laughed brightly more as she gently pulled away to hug her new egg gently. North watched with a chuckle.

"How did you find this!? I didn't even know there were more."

"I had a bit of help, from a friend," She responded and looked at North with a grin.

"Are you kidding me?"

"Nope,"

"He helped me with yours!"

"Really?"

"Uh huhâ€|.North?"

North blinked and laughed joyfully, "I like to help you two girls out."

The girls then laughed with him, though their joyous occasion soon came to a halt as an elf rushed in waving around his horn. North blinked and raised a bushy brow.

"What's wrong?"

He then started to babble as he pointed to the globe room. People just looked at him confused and the more he tried to explain it, the more he confused them. Out of a fit of rage, he threw his horn on the ground as a yeti came from behind him. He then started to explain the danger in the globe room.

"The globe?" Lena asked with a raised brow. The yeti nodded. "Oh no," she muttered before rushing towards the room. Ashley soon followed, while the others came after her.

"What's going on?!" Asked Jack as he flew beside them.

"I'm going on a limb saying that there's a problem with the globe," Ashley answered him as they streamed into the room.

Everyone started to crowd around the globe as the familiar black sand started to envelope the globe in darkness. Though a darker, more matte color took the shape of a laughing woman as the sand shifted into a familiar shape before disappearing.

"We are in big trouble!" Lena muttered.

34. Screaming elves and confused yetis

The yetis were panicking as the elves ran about before smacking each other in the face. North was waving his hands in the air as he tried to calm them down in his russian voice. Though sadly it didn't work. The others around them were whispering while the other guardians muttered to each other about having to do this a second time. Lena looked over to her friend with a raised brow.

Though Ashley spoke before she could. "Just leave it up to me," she said before putting two fingers in her mouth and whistling so loud it echoed around the room. It then went eerily silent as all eyes turned to her.

Lena was rubbing her ear, "Thanks," she said sarcastically, "Next time not in my ear."

"Oi, who was the freaky shadow lady?" Bunny jumped in.

"I have an idea and it ain't good." Lena sighed as she shook her head.

"It can't be!" Ashley whispered as she looked at her.

"I know, she shouldn't even exist in this dimension,"

"Who the bloody hell are you talking about?" Bunny cut in.

"Bunny! Language!" Scolded Tooth as she flew over.

The two girls looked at each other a bit hesitantly before Lena spoke her ill gotten name. "Eris, Goddess of Discord." As she spoke, Enya was quaking in her hair.

"Goddess?!" They all exclaimed as they looked at the two girls. "But there is no goddesses here," North muttered.

"I recognize which dimension she came from, but I didn't know it existed," Lena explained.

Sandy was floating around beside them with a rather large question mark above his head.

Ashley then spoke up and sighed, "She's from a dimension where the kingdom of Syracuse is held."

"A LOOOOONNNNNNGGGGGG time ago, way before this time period," Lena added as she crossed her arms.

"How are we going to stop them?" Bunny asked.

"We don't-" Ashley was starting to say until a certain silver light came from a small window and down to a spot on the ground. All went silent as they all watched.

35. Impossible or Improbable

Floating down the moonbeam was a rather short man, with a singular white curl of hair on top of his head. He fixed his red bow tie as his tan coat floated behind him. Following him was a rather young lady riding on top of a great, white goose. Then after her was an old man with a staff. Last but not least was yet another Jack look-a-like. The room went silent until the elder spirits called out to the short man.

"Manny?!"

Ashley and the other younger spirits were confused. Though Ashley had her mouth open in a bit of shock, while Lena just watched with a small smirk. She then started to run up to nightlight. She proceeded to hug him and Katherine. As she embraced them, a few people rose their brows.

"You know Nightlight..and Katherine?" Asked North.

"You forgot didn't you?" Lena asked.

"Forgot what?" .

"The Spirit of Myth and Legends," She continued.

North went quiet, unsure of what to say before Lena let go of the two and went back to stand beside Ashley.

"As you know, I usually don't make an appearance. This is an exception, for it is dire," Manny started to say as he stood up rather tall for his stature, his hands behind his back. "You all know that there is a new crises in our hands. A problem from a different dimension."

"Yeah, like we didn't know that already," sarcastically remarked Jack with his arms folded.

"How would you know that young man?" Ombric asked.

Jack then pointed to the two girls. "Because of them." Everyone turned to stare at the two.

"Don't go blaming and her problems on us," spat Ashley as she folded her arms in annoyance. "We didn't come here by choice." Bunny came over and wrapped his arms around her to try and calm her down.

Lena turned to her, "What? You're really still annoyed by that? I thought we got over it."

"I'm not annoyed by it, I was just stating a fact. We would've came here if we had a choice, but noooo. We were dragged." She answered.

"Well first off, breathe in and release. Two. Let's try to focus on the actual problem. And three, Jack. wasn't blaming us for her, he just pointed out that we knew something about her."

Ashley just huffed before becoming silent and slowly started to calm down with Bunny beside her, helping along the way.

"Ok, now you were saying Manny?" Lena continued as she turned her gaze to him again.

Manny nodded and coughed as he caught everyone's attention again, "As I was saying; I have felt a rift in time and space a few weeks ago, and have been trying to figure out what it was since."

"Ok, how the heck did that happen?" She asked in disbelief.

He then started to pace around the room as he looked at the decedent's that were displayed , as he tried to figure out what to say next. "A long time ago, when Santoff Clausen was still aroundâ€¦".

Ombric held his hand to Manny to say that he would continue the tale, " ...there was a book that was forbidden to all. " He then tapped the staff against the ground as wisps of magic floated around to the top and created a picture of the book. It's pages were torn and tan while the cover was a pale black, a sign of wear and tear. He then coughed as he continued, "It's power was held within. Spells of darkness, power, and fear. This caused Atlantis's destructionâ€¦". He sighed a bit as he licked his lips. "That book was hidden in a locked safe, far beneath the feet of the villagers. Though it resurfaced on the day when Pitch appeared.. It hasn't been seen sinceâ€¦".

Manny then nodded a bit grimly. "I believe that book, is what caused the rift."

Jack held his staff as his head threw back in annoyance. "You've gotta be kidding me!" He exclaimed before leaning against the stick.

"Why the heck would the Atlanteans have it in the first place?" Lena asked as she threw her arms in the air.

"It was created by a crazed man by the name of Lorian, he vowed to destroy our city. He went to our enemies and told them of a book he had written, that had tremendous powers!" Ombric said.

"Soâ€¦..another nutjob?" Wind asked as he floated around above them. Ombric just rolled his eyes a bit and shook his head.

"...In a way yes, but when we realized that, it was too late. They were upon us."

"Getting back on topicâ€¦". Manny interrupted before walking up to them. "I had brought Nightlight and Katherine here to help train you two for battle. "

"Battle...seriously?" Remarked Lena sarcastically. "I don't do battles, I protect."

"Well you're going to have to learn,"

"oh yesâ€¦.wise leader," Lena muttered under her breath.

Ashley and Bunny both heard her comment but Emily Jane caught their attention when she didn't seem to sit right with the conversation.

"Are you ok child?"asked Old Man Winter softly as he placed a hand on her shoulder.

Emily's body was quaking a bit as her head was down towards the ground. Some tears fell to the ground as she started to speak. "I..i..is there anyway that we can return my father to me?" She asked softly before it became a beg. "...Pleaseâ€¦I..I...I miss him."

"To be honest child, I don't knowâ€¦"Manny sighed as he turned away from the group.

Emily just quaked as her friends tried to coax her. She was being hugged. Ashley and Lena watched from a far. They both wished they could do something. Then Ashley started to walk over to her and placed a hand on her shoulder. "Emily...I promise that Lena and I will try to find a wayâ€¦"

"Y..you will?" She asked with a sniffle.

"Yes," Ashley said with a small smile.

"Then it is settled, You and Lena will begin training in the morning. Nightlight and Katherine...please prepare these two for anything. Whatever this new threat isâ€¦it is unpredictable," Manny sighed before snapping his fingers. A moon beam appeared. He began to walk up there but he was stopped by Lena.

"...Manny?" She asked.

He didn't look back but answered her in a sudden and flat voice. "Yes child?"

"You're hiding something."

The small man quietly looked at her from over his shoulder before continuing on his way up the moonbeam until he disappeared.

36. Shocked and Stunned

Lena turned around but all she got was stares from the others. She raised a brow. "What?" She asked.

"Why is a broad like you asking the big honcho questions?" Eric stated. rather bluntly. Though he flinched a bit as Lena started to walk towards him with her fist crackling with lightning. and eyes gleaming red.

"What. Did you call me?" Lena muttered quite darkly.

Ashley raised a brow but just shook her head. "You shouldn't have said that Eric." She retorted.

"Say what? All I did was call her a broad. That is what she is, " Eric retorted. Though the crackling increased in power.

April's eyes were now flames as she watched the idiot of the seasons continue to fan the flames of Lena's irritation. "Shut up! You blunt idiot!" Shouted April. Most people stopped stunned as they heard the

young and sweet girl lose her temper. Lena was unphased by the various looks and proceeded towards him. Just as she got of him, she lowered her fist and the crackling stopped. Everyone went silent. If looks could kill, he would already be dead.

Eric just glared at her back, waiting for her to do at least something to him, but he didn't know what. Lena looked like she was about to turn but a creepy smile crept upon her face as her eyes returned to normal.

"What's the creepy face fo-" Eric was cut off as she placed a finger onto his forehead. Suddenly shocks went through him and he fell backwards in a heap of arms and legs.

"What do you think this is? The twenties?" She asked his knocked out body. "I am NOT a broad." She then headed over to Ashley's side, now being calm as ever. Bunny just watched before erupting into a laughing fit. Sandy followed him quietly with Nightlight and Jack. Wind just rolled his eyes.

"Well...he definitely deserved it," April said with a sigh and a shrug.

"Don't worry...He'll be fine. In a couple hours or so," Lena said as she waved her hand as she spoke.

"Since that is over and done with. What are we supposed to do now?" Ashley asked.

"Just as Manny said. We train," North said as he crossed arms. "Too late now, we start in morning."

"Yeah, we should head out now. It's been a long day," Emily said as she gathered the others around. Old Man Winter stood beside her as April started to drag Eric's body with them. "We'll check up on your progress and help whenever we can. Have a Merry Christmas!" Then the four of them stepped out of the room and out of sight. That left the others to wander on what to do next.

North then turned to look at Nightlight and Katherine. "I'll have Dingle show you, your rooms." He said before taking out a bell and ringing it. Soon there was an elf scrambling into the room. He slipped and landed on his face before the duo.

"Dingle, please take these two to rooms,"He instructed as the little one nodded rapidly with his bell jingling. Katherine hid a giggle while her gander honked. Nightlight just looked at her and soothed her white feathers.

"Don't worry about her, I'm sure Lena here will take good care of her as you stay here." Ashley proposed with a smile.

Lena nodded , "Of course I will!"

Katherine nodded and pets Kailash with a smile. "Alright. Take good care of her Lena, I'll see you in the morning Kailash. Have a good night everyone. We'll see you in the morning," She said as Nightlight nodded and the two followed Dingle out of the room and down a hall.

"So what should we do now?" Jack asked as he and Wind floated around near the roof.

"We get shut eye and prepare for tomorrow," North said as he headed to the doorway. Sandy nodded and made an airplane out of sand. He hopped in and waved before putting on his goggles and flying out of the open rooftop window.

"I got to prepare my little ones for anything. I'll be back tomorrow," Said Tooth before she flitted around giving hugs to North and the rest before heading out towards her palace.

North then turns to the girls. "You should head to bed. You will need your strength."

"Yeah, Enya's already asleep on my shoulder," Responded Lena as she pointed to the little sleeping bundle under her hair. She was curled up with the hair around her like a blanket.

Ashley smiled and giggled. "Aw, how cute."

"We should grab our stuff before we go," Jack said as he dipped towards the ground as Wind followed him.

"What? You don't have it in your pocket?" Lena asked before muttering. 'I should enchant that thing so it could be bottomless.'.

Jack just rolled his eyes, "No I don't. If I remember correctly, you have things too," He said as he stuck out his tongue.

"Yeah we do Lena. We got our presents to grab!" Ashley responded.

Lena gasped before her eyes widened. "MY EGG!" She then bolted towards the room she had left it in.

Ashley just turned to Kailash and giggled. "Lena will be Lena," she murmured. Kailash just flapped her massive wings and honked happily. She then opened a portal and grabbed her own Christmas Egg and held it in her arms. She smiled and giggled. "I can't wait to find out what it is!"

Lena then shrieked. With that Ashley almost dropped her egg but Kailash quickly grabbed it before she did. Ashley gave a sheepish thank you smile to her before she and the boys went to see what was wrong.

"What happened?" Asked Jack as they came up behind her.

A smile was on her face as she spotted cracks on the egg. It jiggled every once in a while. "It's hatching!" She beamed.

"Already?" Asked Ashley as she stood beside her.

"All I did was touch it, and it started moving."

"Well North never said how long he had gotten it,"

"Well It's pretty close," Jack said as black claws poked out of the

shell.

Lena gasped, "I better put it down," she then gently placed it on the ground as the egg started to roll before standing upright. Soon the shell broke free to reveal a beautiful, small black dragon. Everyone went quiet, but Lena's face could rival the sun's as she realized what she had gotten.

"YOU GOT ME A NIGHTFURY!"

Ashley belched out a laugh at her expression but it became even louder when she saw the boy's expressions.

"Umâ€¦.what is a Nightfury, may I ask?" Asked Wind with his arms folded.

"Yeah, what is it?" Jack asked.

"It's a dragon," Lena finally answered after her squeal moment.

"A DRAGON?!" The boys asked stunned and a bit nervous.

The small dragon blinked open its yellow eyes. They were big and round, and full of wonder. That would be what North would say. It's gaze caught onto that of the small group of four, but on Lena the most. It gently tilted it's head before trying to walk towards her. Falling on the first try but succeeding on the second. She soon had rubbed her body against Lena's legs lovingly.

"Hi little one," She said soothingly. "Now, let's see." Lena said before picking her up and cradling it in her arms. "Ah, you're a girl! I think I'll name you Carmella."

The trio nodded and even Kailash gave a honk of approval. Carmella gave a blink as she looked at everyone.

"Now that the little excitement has dimmed a bit. We should head back home. We have a long day ahead of us," Ashley said as she petted Kailash. Lena nodded before grabbing her things. Ashley then proceeded to pull out her trusty paintbrush and painted a portal back home. The last one to step through was Lena, who still had a bright and eager smile on her face.

37. Cross my Heart

As the new spirits were heading home to prepare for training; down below their feet the restless were meeting. Past the cavern with the empty, hanging cages and through the twisted stairway the two met at the golden globe. Eris's body was elegantly draped over the sphere as her red eyes followed Pitch's looming figure. Her lips softly curled into a smile.

"mmmmâ€¦.so handsome, where do we hit next?" She asked smoothly as a finger started to twirl her long black hair.

Pitch was forming small objects out of his dark sand when Eris's question arose. At first he didn't answer her as his sand made a small moon before making a intricately detailed black rose. His golden eyes then flickered up to the graceful goddess.

"My dear...our next stop is a new realm, and in it, the Kingdom of Corona. There is where we need to obtain the tears of the Healing Princess," He said with his english accent slipping in. He then handed her the rose that dispersed in her hands. The black powder sprinkled to the ground below before dispersing into nothing.

"Oh~ and how do you propose we do that?" She asked in a teasing tone as a small grin appeared on her soft and pale lips.

"With this," He said as he moved his hands around as black sand started to morph in front of her eyes. It took a form of an old book. Eris's eyes lit up as she tried to take it, though Pitch took it before she could.

"This book," He playfully teased it in front of her face. "...is the book that brought you here to me. It is also our ticket to other dimensions."

With his teasing, Eris rolled her eyes lightly before asking, "How do you know the guardians can't follow us?"

"Thosâ€¦|..Guardians...don't know how to travel that way. The only way I did did, was through this," He said as he held up the ancient book.

"You got the power through a book?" She asked with a raised brow and slowly shifted on the glove so she could see him better, she moved in a fluid like motion.

"The book is ancient and is powered by darkness, something that resides in a woman like yourself," He remarked.

"Mmm..I see, so how do I fit into the picture?" She asked as she slid off the globe and towards him.

"Some of the spells encased in here need more than my power to activate it. That is why you are here,"

"Is that the only reason i'm here?" She inquired as her hips swayed side to side in a hypnotic way before she gently placed a hand on his cheek.

He was silent for a few minutes as his eyes flickered to silver then back to gold. "My dear, I want you to rule by my side."

"I'll follow you to the end," she uttered softly before pulling a small dagger from out of thin air, she then crossed it over her heart.

"Good," He grinned before pecking her cheek and started to walk away. "I need to...research our next destination, do as you will," He said softly before dispersing into shadow. Eris stayed quiet as the grin on her face grew.

Too Easy.

The next day a blue portal opened at the Globe Room of North's domain as Ashley and Lena stepped out of it. Enya was flitting about as she pestered Lena about how the transportation had ruffled her feathers a bit.

"Enya...it wasn't that bad," Lena tried to explain to her little fairy that now sat on her shoulder.

She just huffed and her feathers were fluffed.

Lena rolled her eyes a bit, "At least we didn't fall this time."

"Do you remember that time Enya? We had to give you five baths just to get your feathers clean," Ashley commented as she placed her paintbrush away.

The little fairy calmed down a bit and nodded her answer. "Good, now we can go find North," Lena stated before she heard footsteps from behind them.

"No need to, I am here," said North as the girls turned to him. There beside him was Tooth, her blue and green feathers neatly groomed. Enya smiled brightly seeing her guardian that she started to fly around her happily while squeaking with joy.

"Hello little one, I hope you are taking care of Lena," The bigger fairy cooed over the small one as she gently held her, in her hands. North, Lena and Ashley watched before giving a small smile. The moment lasted a bit as they started to have a small conversation to each other, though Lena was getting a bit antsy.

"Ok, we're here, so what do we do?" Lena asked rather bluntly as she shifted a bit.

Ashley just shakes her head at Lena but nodded, "She does have a point here though,"

"Then let's get started," North said with a bright smile as he turned and headed down a rather festive hallway. On the wall hung wreaths of holly and a few christmas pictures that he had collected over the years. To Ashley it was like stepping through time, her eyes had caught onto one of the middle ages. It was rather intriguing. When she looked away from the tinted photo, she found that Lena and the others were a bit away so she scampered down until they stopped at a rather large door.

"Is this where you'll train us?" Ashley asked with a raised brow.

"No, this is where you choose weapon," He corrected her as he opened the door. To the excitement of Ashley, it held tens of thousands of weapons over the ages. The walls were packed back to back by multicultural swords, daggers, crossbows, axes, and darts. Ashley's mouth almost dropped to the floor.

"Wow!" Lena said in awe as she picked up a sword she found rather nice and looked over its blade to North.

"Choose your weapon," He stated as he motioned for Tooth to follow

him out of a doorway. "We'll be in here when your done," He commented before closing the door, leaving Ashley to look at Lena.

Lena looked over at Ashley with a small shrug before pushing a few weapons aside gently as she looked for the weapon she would pick. It didn't come at her at first but slowly made it's way into her view by it's beautiful green and black hilt. Slowly she wrapped her hands around it and pulled it out to show it's sleek and crisp blade.

"Nice Katana," Ashley said as she watched her do so.

"Wowâ€¦" Lena murmured as her hands traced over the fine details in the hilt. "Nice," she whispered as a smile grew on her face. Lena closed it back up and looked over the golden dragon that had wrapped around the sheath to the top. "I think I'll choose this, it has the right balance,"

"Goodâ€¦.now it's my turn," Ashley answered as she pulled out a rather long axe. It's blades were like two crescent moons, the edges glinted in the small light. It's silver handle was long enough for her to hold with two hands, great for defense and offense. It was simple but it peaked her interest. "I like this one," She said with a quick nod.

"Why am I not surprised," Lena said with a chuckle.

"Well, I could've chosen the heavily bladed mace over there," she laughed as she pointed out a rather hefty looking weapon hanging from the ceiling, it's blades were to a point.

Lena just rolled her eyes, "Let's go, North and Tooth are waiting on us." Ashley nodded before walking with her to the door and opening it. There they were met with amazement.

North and Tooth were sparring with each other. Bright smiles were on their faces and their eyes sparkled in happiness. Their movements were fast but skillfully maneuvered. Tooth was fast and flexible while North was sharp at his jabs and strong with his slashes. His scimitars had met her smooth and whimsical blades with a loud clang.

"Strong as ever North," She giggled gently as North was pushing her closer to the wall, but before he could pin her to the wall she ducked and used the wall as a mount before pushing herself away from him. Her movement was fast and slick and he almost fell from it.

"Not as fast as you are though," He laughed before quickly turning and stopping her blade in midair with his. His grin grew as he quickly snaked his arm around her waist and pulled her close as his sword was pointed at her head. Their faces were close and a small blush swept over Tooth's face.

From a distance coughing sounds were being made by Lena, who has been leaning on the doorway watching the two. A small grin on her face, "Are you two done yet?"

"Should we leave?" Piped Ashley with a bright smile.

The two guardians blinked and separated rather quickly. Each of their faces becoming a shade of red. "n..no we need to train you two," quickly stuttered North who was trying to compose himself. Tooth quickly nodding, obviously embarrassed at how they were caught.

Ashley and Lena both cracked up laughing as they walked up to the two. "Why are you hiding this from the others?" Ashley asked as she tilted her head. "It's nothing to be ashamed of,"

"I think the others will actually like this," Lena commented.

Tooth's wings were flapping rather fast as she started to get panicked a bit. "w...well it's been so long a..and we don't know how they would react..a..a..andâ€¦". She had a look of fear on her face.

North finally looked over at her and gently pulled her close. "Don't worry, I'm sure they would be fine." He said softly and his usual smile was now on his face. Ashley and Lena nodded their thoughts as well.

"To be honest they probably already know," Lena said kind of bluntly with a smile on her face.

Ashley gently punches her arm for what she said had made Tooth go pale.

"Oh come on, it's not that bad, if it was, they would've said something," Lena continued while rubbing her arm a bit.

North nodded and Tooth slowly regained her color. "Y..yeah I guess," She finally replied while Ashley shook out her hand a bit.

"With that over with, we need to get started." Ashley said.

"What weapons did you choose?" North asked as he slowly let go of Tooth.

Lena answered him with unsheathing her newly discovered katana. He nodded his head in approval before looking over at Ashley who showed him her staff-like double bladed axe.

"Nice choices girls, time to teach."

"We both will teach you our ways," Tooth said softly as she looked over at the two, "North will help Ashley with her strength, and I will help you Lena with flexibility,"

Ashley nodded. "I understand," She said gently before following North to one side of the room, while Lena staid with Tooth.

Far in the corner, North was teaching Ashley how to use her strength to attack. He had dummies set up weapons of their own. "You must learn to use all your weight, not just your hands,"

She nodded and shifted her feet a bit as she held onto her blade before running at one of the dummies. She aimed a swing but out of the blue, the dummy moved on its own and countered her attack. Ashley

was taken back before he knocked her to the floor. She winced a bit.

"Keep trying young one," North encouraged as he stood there with his folded arms watching the whole ordeal.

Ashley nodded before getting back up and continuing to aim at the dummy. Each move was blocked by one of its own. After a bit, she finally struck it hard enough to make it tip over.

"Nice going! Now only four more to go," He said with a nod and a cheerful, yet proud smile on his face.

The young girl already looked exhausted but just looked over at him and made a small nod. "I never said it would be easy," He commented.

"I figured North," she exclaimed before getting into position for the next four.

As Ashley finished up her few dummies, Lena was practicing her maneuvers with Tooth. "You must use your wings as a boost. Don't let them keep you down," She instructed as she did it with a dummy of her own. Her wings flitted about rather quick before she flicked her sword out making a small nick in the side of it.

Lena nodded and tried to repeat what Tooth did but she ended up going too slow and missed her target by an inch. Her face scrunched up as she tried it a second and a third time to no avail.

"Am I missing something?" She asked.

Tooth shook her head, "No, it just takes a lot of practice. The power to control your wings for battle will come in time, just keep going and don't give up," she encouraged.

Lena nodded, "Got it!" She then continued to throw herself at the dummy with her katana in hand. After a few more tries she got quick enough to make a scar on the dummy's left hip.

"Great! You're getting it!" She exclaimed, "Now you just need to do that at least five more times!"

The dragon girl just shook her head before nodding and launching herself at the dummy once more.

After a few more hours of slicing and dicing their way through the dummies, the two guardians thought that they had enough for one day. It was after they had switched partners, that they finally brought them back together to speak with them as a whole.

"Wonderful job girls, I am very proud of you," North said with a clap of his hands.

"You showed great improvement and skill. We would like for you two to keep your weapons so you can continue to train back at your island," Tooth said with a smile.

Lena grinned as she held the katana to look at the details once more. As her fingers traced down the golden dragon a name was forming in

her head. "Densetsu no Doragon!" She whispered before looking up to see the others watching her.

"Is that what you're going to name it?" Ashley asked with a raised brow and a smile on her face.

"Yup, it means legendary dragon,"

"Quite fitting," She answered before looking over at her newly gained axe. "Hmmm," she murmured as she tried to think of a name. "I think i'll call it Crimson Crescent,"

North and Tooth nodded, "Great names," they both said and smiled.

"Yeah, thanks again North for letting us keep these, they're great and thanks for teaching us," Ashley said before heading to a wall.

"We should get going, i'm pretty sure Grug has gotten anxious about us lately, so we'll see you all later," Lena said before scampering to catch up with her friend. Soon Ashley pulled out her tall paintbrush and painted a room in their island. In a moment the portal turned blue and the two started to step through. Though unbeknownst to the two, Enya had gotten out of Lena's hair to talk to another fairy that came to watch Tooth and the others spar.

When Enya noticed the blue color from the corner of her eyes, she started to squeak in panic and rushed over to the portal before it shut. She made it just in time for the next second she was trying to stop herself so she didn't hit a wall. Lena quickly held up a hand and caught the young fairy. When she opened her hand, Enya's feathers were fluffed up and she was quite annoyed and aggravated that she was almost left behind.

"Sorry, but you should also pay more attention," Lena explained to just huffed and looked away. "Hey Ashley, wanna go into the kitchen and grab some dinner?" The fairy then perked up and smiled as she started to flit about.

"So now you're happy," Ashley chuckled a bit at the small friend. She just flitted and stuck her tongue out playfully. Lena just rolled her eyes slightly before heading with the others to the kitchen.

Along the way, the three had spotted Carmella sitting by a wall of rocks. She was now as big as a normal housecat. Ashley was confused as to why there were rocks in their hallway. "What is going on?" She asked in confusion.

"I have no clue," Lena stated as she bent down on her knees to call Carmella. "Come here Carmella," she called happily and the dragon ran into her arms.

"This is obviously Grug's room, but I wonder as to where he got the rocks," Ashley stated as she folded her arms. "Where is he anyway?"

"I think I have an idea!" Grug! Lena called.

It was silent for a few minutes before there was a muffled shriek and

groan coming from behind the wall.

"Huh?"

"Come on out Grug, we can't hear you from behind this," Ashley explained to him.

Reluctantly Grug started to pull the rocks out and made a small window which the others could see him. He then started to freak out when he saw Carmella.

"What's wrong Grug?" Asked Ashley as she tried to calm him down.

"Big cat! Big Cat eats Grug!" He whines from behind his shelter.

"What big cat?" Lena asked with a raised brow.

Grug quickly points to Carmella and continued to quiver.

"Carmella?" Ashley asked with a concealed chuckle.

"yes big cat!" He continued to whine and hide.

"umm...Grug...Carmella is not a big cat!" Lena explained as she gently picked up Carmella to show him, her. Carmella blinked and tilted her head which resulted in a shriek from Grug.

"No! Big cat!"

"oi...this is going to be difficult!" Lena muttered.

"Grug, do you want bananas?" Ashley asked and gave Lena a small wink.

Grug quieted down and peeked through the hole once more. He then muttered a small 'yes'.

"If you want a big batch of Ashley's banana chip cookies, you got to come out," She cooed to him.

It was quiet for a moment before starting to undo his wall and come out, still shaky as he saw Carmella. He instantly hid behind Ashley. "Can I have banana cookie now?"

"Only if you put the rocks back where you got them when you are done," Ashley said with her arms folded.

Grug quickly nodded his head. "Yes, Ashwie,"

"Good, now go and get cleaned up, you are filthy," She said as she put her hands on her hips. The neanderthal nodded and headed to a bathroom. Ashley then looked at Lena.

"This is going to take some time," Lena sighed.

"Indeed,"

39. The Dragon and the Puffball

The next morning, the sun was starting to shine in on the warren. Bunny and Sandy were standing in a clearing talking amongst themselves. Sandy seemed to be calm with a small smile on his face as he made various symbols above his head as the two talked, Bunny on the other hand was starting to get worried.

"Where are they? They should've been here twenty minutes ago!" He rambled as he looked around the clearing. His ears twitched and his whiskers moved a bit as he tried to smell their scent to see if they are nearby. Sandy just shrugged and tried to explain a reason why they were late in pictures, but it didn't help Bunny to calm down.

"I know Sandy, but still!" He began to say until he heard a portal opening up above them.

"HEADS UP!"

Out from the portal came Ashley on a doberman-sized Carmella. She had a look of fear as she barely held on to the dragon's back.. Lena was flying behind the two with a small chartreuse colored puffball.

"What the-" Bunny exclaimed before reaching out to grab the now fallen off girl. Ashley then landed in his arms. Her hair all frizzed and her eyes bugged out.

"Ashley, are you ok?" Asked Lena as she floated down to the two. Carmella was flying above them as she helped keep the small puffball in the air.

Ashley then just shot her a glare as she finally managed to get her nerves in check. "NO!" She muttered. "That was terrifying!"

"Oh really? How is it that you freak out, and yet a fifteen year old had the time of his life?"

"That's different! I'm not him!" She muttered but barely smiled at Bunny. "Thank you," she said softly and he let her down. The frightened girl then turned to Lena once more. "I'll be fine when she's done training, I have a fear you know." She huffed.

Lena put a hand to her head and shook it slightly, "You need to get over the fear of heights, we live on a bloody floating island for heaven's sake!"

"I know! but it's hard.."She huffed.

"Ok, how is it that you have a fear of heights but loved North's sleigh ride?"

"Enclosed spaces,"

"Oh. So you're only a bit better than Bunny, in that respect,"

"Hey!" Bunny and Ashley shouted at the same time.

Lena just started to crack up laughing.

"She's spending too much time with Frost," Bunny whispered to Ashley. Which she merely agrees.

"Anyway, we are here for a reason and we should get down to business, we don't have that much time," Ashley concluded after a bit.

"Hey you two! Get down here!" Called Lena as Carmella pricked her ears up and brought the yellow bird down with her.

The small puffball of a bird landed on Bunny's head and started to chirp. Bunny's eyes twitched a bit, "What and who is this?" He asked as he pointed to the smug looking bird.

"That's Chartreuse, my little Dimension Owl," cooed Ashley as she gently picked him up from Bunny's head and placed him on hers. "He's just a day old," She giggled.

"That's the gift I got her for Christmas," Lena piped up and smiled. "He'll look different when he's older."

Bunny nodded before Sandy intervened their conversation with a giant clock made of sand and how it was ticking down." He looked rather urgent.

"Oops, sorry Sandy," Both Lena and Ashley stated.

"Today will be the combination of Body and Weapon. Sandy will partner up with Lena." Bunny said before turning to Ashley, "And I'll pair up with you," he smiled.

Lena just raised a brow with a smirk before starting to walk away. "...Ok, we'll just be training over there then."

The pair just laughed as Sandy floated behind Lena on his little sand cloud.

"Ok Sandy what are we doing?" Lena asked as she put a hand to her hip.

He gave a rather bright smile before rapidly making obstacles in the air out of sand. He then pointed to them before giving a demonstration. He sped through open hoops and under barricades and between objects of mass proportions.

Lena nodded, "I see, looks like fun," She grinned before darting into the air after him. Seeing her 'sister' doing something in the air, it peaked Carmella's attention. In a moment she was speeding up to the two, trying to do the obstacles as well. Though, the dragon was going a bit too fast and she sped past the first floating barricade and into the next. There she instantly dropped to ground asleep.

"Carmella!" Lena shrieked as she quickly flew the slumbering creature. She relaxed when she found out that she wasn't hurt but fast asleep. "Oh thank goodness," She breathed before looking at Sandy.

He gave a shrug and explained that he was trying to describe what might happen with obstacles like this.

"I understand Sandy," she said gently before floating up to the course once more. "You hit an obstacle, you sleep like a rock."

Nearby, Bunny and Ashley were getting out small weapons that are mainly used for throwing. What laid on the ground nearby were a couple of daggers, a few of his egg bombs, Bunny's most prized possession (his giant boomerang), and a few darts.

"Ok, Ashley, choose the weapon you want to start off first," Bunny instructed as he watched the redhead bent down and feel the weight of each one before picking up the darts. "Nice choice," he smiled, "they are great for beginners."

The girl smiled as she gently glided her finger over the smooth and metallic blade. "Alright, so what now?" She asked.

"Lucky for you, me and Sandy each made a few targets to practice on," Bunny chuckled before moving her to the right range for her to throw. It was a small gesture, but just feeling Bunny's hands on her shoulders made her feel warm.

"Alright, so mind doing a demonstration?" She asked with a cute tilt of her head. The small little notion brought a hint of pink to his face.

"S...sure," he stuttered a bit before regaining his thought process and picked up a few daggers himself. After a bit of fiddling with them in his hands he squinted his eyes as he studied the target in front of him. Slowly he brought his hand back and swung forward and released. The blade went zipping in the air until it made a loud THUD. Right smack dab in the middle was the blade, it was in pretty deep. Ashley just watched in amazement before clapping and giggling.

"Wow!"

He nodded before turning back to her, "Now it's your turn. Don't be dishearten if you don't get it on the first try. It takes practice."

Ashley nodded, "I see," she smiled before bringing her hand back slowly but without focusing she let it fly. Instead of heading straight forward, it went straight for a few seconds before plummeting into the ground.

"You weren't focusing, try it again," Bunny reassured with a smile.

The young spirit nodded as she picked another dagger. This time, she narrowed her eyes in concentration and wound her arm back and let the blade go. It went straight again for a few minutes but just barely missed the target as it curved down to it's feet.

"Not bad, we just have to practice on your aim," He smiled and went behind her as he took her hand in his to grab the blade. Then he started to instruct her as he helped her bring her arm back and

release the blade. The dagger may have been out of her hand, but his still lingered. The blade then went smackdab next to Bunny's. It was so close to each other, as if the blades were kissing.

Ashley blushed as she felt Bunny's hand still on hers but she then grinned when she spotted the dagger and where it had landed. She slowly moved away from him, only to bounce and laugh and bring him in for a hug. Which resulted in the two to blush profusely.

He slowly let go of her and stuttered, "I..I..I.."

Ashley giggled before pressing a finger to his lips, "shhh...I should be the one thanking you," she whispered. Her eyes lighting up in glee.

"Hey lovebirds! Time to switch!" Called Lena as she headed on over. Ashley and Bunny blushed red before she began to leave his side.

"Ok, have fun with Bunny," Ashley giggled before heading on over to Sandy who made a different course for her.

Lena then turned to Bunny, " Soâ€¦..what are we doing?" She asked with a smirk still on her face.

Both Bunny and Sandy started to explain what they were going to do with the other. Though as their 'sisters' were doing work, Carmella was still passed out asleep. Chartreuse, being the little cocky puffball that he is, he climbed onto her head and started to bounce, trying to wake her up. After a few failed attempts, he puffed up his chest and started to chirp rather loudly into her ear.

Carmella's eyes shot open and she let out a deep growl. Her sudden movement made Chartreuse roll off her head and onto her nose. When he opened his eyes, they were staring straight into hers. He froze and passed out falling to the ground. Then Carmella made a sound reminiscent to laughter.

"I see Carmella's up," Lena said as she was finishing up the lesson with Bunny.

"Yeah but where is Chartreuse?" Ashley asked as she walked up to the two with Sandy floating behind her.

"Ahh...I think he passed out.."Lena said as she pointed to the little ball of fluff.

Ashley rolled her eyes, 'He's already getting into trouble? He's only a day old!' She said with a sigh before walking up to the two.

"With a family like ours, it is to be expected," Commented Lena as she followed behind her.

"Yeah, I know," Ashley agreed as she gently picked up the small bird and put him in a pocket that she had. "Though maybe one day he'll learn not to pick on people bigger than he is."

"I highly doubt that," Lena said.

40. The Danger Within the Fog Part 1

In the library of the Dravinci castle, books were being thrown while others laid askewed as a search was being made. On a ladder, Ashley was scavenging through sections of How-tos and Biographies. As she was up in the higher sections, Jack and Wind were helping in other sections. Jack had given himself the sections of Fantasy and Science Fiction, while Wind was briskly looking through a few other parts of the library. Ashley knew if they were to find the book, they would need their help due to the size of their collection.

"Did you find it yet?" Ashley called to Lena who was frantically flipping through pages of spellbooks down below.

"No, where the heck is that book?"

"What does it look like?" Ashley asked as she slid the ladder to another part of the book case.

"It has a blue velvet cover with silver writing in Old English," She said as she set down the book she had on hand and grabbed another.

"Does it have a silver tassel bookmark?" Jack asked.

"Yes. Why?" Lena asked with a raised brow.

Jack just smiled and laughed as he brought the book with him. "Is this it?" He asked with a raised brow of his own.

Lena looked at him dumbfoundedly . "Where THE HECK did you find it?" She asked as she excitedly grabbed it from his hands.

Jack just chuckled as he pointed to her desk which had books stacked high except for the middle of her desk. "Right there, in the middle."

Lena facepalmed as Ashley came to her side laughing hysterically. Wind just shook his head as he joined in.

"You've got to be kidding me," Lena muttered with a sigh.

Ashley placed a hand on her shoulder. "At least we found it."

"True, now let's get down to business," agreed the dragon girl.

"Where are they? They couldn't have gone far...they weren't the ones who made a mess in here ," Ashley pointed out as she looked at the numerous stack of books. Others were open and others just in the wrong sections.

"Yeah, a dragon and an owl couldn't possibly have made this mess," Wind sarcastically remarked at Ashley.

Ashley just blushed a bit in embarrassment . "I'll get captain to clean this up for you later Lena," She murmured.

"It's fine, I have a spell that puts all the books back on their shelves," Lena explained.

Ashley nodded before whistling. Soon there was a soft flutter of wings before both Carmella and Chartreuse came in. Being fully grown now, Carmella easily ran up to Lena. Chartreuse, who was still young, barely flew before landing on Carmella's head. He then let out a chirp.

Ashley just chuckled, "you'll learn one day Chartreuse, don't worry." She then lended a hand for him to hop on before she let him sit on her shoulder.

Lena started flipping through the book until she reached the correct page. "You might want to step back." Then she started to chant. Fire flared up in a ring formation around Carmella and her. On the last word of the spell, the fire converged on Carmella and flashed a bright light.

"Did it work?" Jack asked with a raised brow of confusion.

"Yeah, she looks the same, " muttered Wind with just as much confusement as his 'brother'.

"Looks can be deceiving. I mean look at us as an example," Lena said with the slightest bit of annoyance. "Yes the spell worked."

"How?" The boys asked. Ashley just shook her head as Chartreuse tipped his head to the side.

"Ugh, remind me WHY we live with boys?" Lena asked Ashley.

"Hey!" They both whined and frowned playfully before grinning.

"Because they needed to," Ashley replied as she played with Chartreuse.

Lena just grinned as she ruffled the two boy's hair. "I'm just kidding. Now you want to know what the spell did?" She asked.

"Yeah!" Exclaimed Jack as Wind nodded.

"So what did you do?" Wind asked rather curiously.

"I put a spell on Carmella that allows her to control her size," Lena said.

"Oohâ€¦." They both muttered and shrugged.

Lena rolled her eyes at the boy's response. "Think about it. I am NOT going anywhere without Carmella and if she stays her current size anyone who can see us will freak out."

"Oh, we knew that," Wind stated as he flew into the air.

Ashley just rolled her eyes and began talking before Lena could say anything more. "Anywayâ€¦.So what about our training?" She asked.

"Yeah we should probably get started," Lena said as she grabbed her

sword.

Jack nodded, "Yea. We devised an obstacle course for us to do so in," He grinned and Wind laughed.

Ashley narrowed her eyes. "You better not do anything to us," She muttered.

Lena laughed, "Ashley there is no point in even trying. Just go with the flow and have fun." She then turned to the two boys, "But if anything really bad does happen to Ashley then the two of you will have a nice chat with Carmella." Her grin had a slight cynical look to it. The fangs didn't help at all.

They shivered a bit before Jack pointed out, "Don't worry, It'll all be fun and games." Wind nodded before wrapping them in wind and brought them out the open skylights of the library and to the outside courtyard. It was like a winter wonderland. A giant iced lake was to the side with targets speckled in various heights, while a huge mountain of snow had pieces of ice to hang onto, was for another part of their 'training'.

"You do know the phrase ends with 'until someone loses an eye' right?" Lena asks with a smirk.

Ashley just rolls her eyes, "Hopefully that won't be me."

"It won't. If something happens it will be one of the boys," Lena said with a glare.

The boys just snickered before shaking their heads. "Don't worry, it's time for fun," Jack said as he headed to the rink.

"First lesson, shoot the targets," Wind instructed as he pointed to the many that was hung around the ring.

"Alright." Ashley said before looking around. "What do we hit them with?" She asked.

"That's up to you to find out," Explained Jack who sat on a tree branch with a small grin.

"Oh this is going to be fun," Lena said as she rubbed her hands together. She took a stance in front of a target and rubbed her hands together. All of a sudden a bow and arrow made out of fire formed from within her palms. She closed her eyes and took a deep breath before opening one eye and released.

The arrow zipped through the sky but just before the arrow hit the target, the target rushed up into another spot above the ring. Jack begun to laugh softly as he shook his head. "You have to do better than that. It's not that easy," he said as he moved the targets with his fingers.

Lena just smirked as her eyes flashed. The arrow changed direction and followed the target until it hit in a bullseye. Lena smiled as she looked at Jack. "You were saying?" She asked with a smirk.

"Good but how about five?" He asked as he begun to move five more targets around. Some went up, while others went down and two went to

the sides.

With that she fired five in succession and each one followed its designated targets until they got bullseye. "You know Jack that since they are magic I can still control them when they are not in my hand."

Jack just rolled his eyes, "It's not about the power or magic behind the act, but the fun." He said snarkily before turning to Ashley. "It's your turn,"

Ashley grinned before pulling out a small paintbrush from her ear, she then proceeded to twirl the paintbrush before it grew in her hands. She spun around before the paint came off the tip and into the form of a hockey puck and the brush itself turned into a hockey stick. "I'm ready," she said with a grin.

Wind laughed before he helped make the targets change places with Jack in the lead. Ashley just narrowed her eyes before taking a run for it before slamming the 'puck' and it split into multiple little pucks that went and hit the targets before bouncing around and to another one before dying out. In the end the targets were covered in paint. The boys just pouted and frowned.

"That wasn't much of a challenge boys," Ashley said as she leaned against her 'hockey stick'.

Jack rolls his eyes before spotting black mist starting to surround them. "What is this?" He asked.

"I don't know," Wind said with a bit of fear.

Ashley and Lena narrowed their eyes as they looked around the fog who was getting denser by the minute. Soon it surrounded them and they heard a few voices. They were just as dark and manipulative as the fog itself.

"It can't be themâ€|" Ashley whispered with a growl.

Then the answer to her question came. It came in the form of a sadistic choir of laughters. "Oh but it is," came a smooth yet dark reply.

41. The Danger within the Fog Part 2

"Still hanging with the big four Frost?" Pitch laughed as he appeared from the darkened fog.

"Why are you here?" Jack spat as he narrowed his eyes.

"Oh, you're not happy to see me?" He mocked with a grin.

"YOU KILLED SANDY!" Jack snarled and clenched his fist as the air temperature began to drop.

"He's still alive ain't he?" Pitch just rolled his eyes.

"That wasn't until we gathered the beliefs of all the children," Interrupted Wind as he pulled Jack away from his stance. He knew this

would lead to nowhere.

The Boogey Man just narrowed his eyes as he walks around the two look-alikes. "Now who is your twin? I never seen him before,"

"Trust me Mr. Oogie, you've definitely felt him. He's the personification of the wind itself. Pitch meet the one and only Wind," Ashley chimed with a smug smirk. Lena was beside her with a calculated look and a narrowed gaze. Looking at all of them, in the background was Eris. Cold and watchful as ever.

Pitch snarled a bit at the little nickname that Ashley had called him but bluntly ignored her before looking back at the new boy. "Wind? THE wind? How is that possible?" He muttered to himself

"That would be my doing," Lena piped in.

"You?" The tall, dark man asked as he glanced at the girl. "Who are you to be exact?"

"You mean WE?" Ashley interrupted. "I am Ashley Spirit of Art and my friend is Lena Spirit of Myths and Legend,"

"Two new spirits?" Pitch muttered to himself but grins. "This might have gotten a bit more interesting, isn't that right Eris?"

"Oh, indeed my dark prince~" Eris purred in a dark yet seductive way.

"My dark prince?" Lena scoffed as she started to laugh. That got her a death glare from the woman. "What are you even doing here? Aren't you suppose to get back at Sinbad or something?"

Eris barely made a face but something told Lena that she had struck a nerve. "How do you know Sinbad?" She hissed out.

"Ok, I don't know him personally but Heeeeeeeeeeeeeello, Spirit of Myths and Legend remember?" Lena remarked. Ashley just laughed. Eris just rolls her eyes.

"Anyway, I might just have a few tricks up my sleeve this time Jack and I hope you know what you're getting into," cackled Pitch while Eris wrapped her arms around his shoulder.

"What are you up to Pitchner?" Lena asked with a small smirk.

Pitch just flinched but snapped, "It's nothing that you need to worry your little head over."

Before Ashley could speak another word, Eris butted in and said, "Come on darling, we have plans to attend to. We had enough fun for one day~" Pitch glared at the small group before a dense fog appeared once more and soon the two were there no more.

"Soâ€¦." Wind started as he tried to calm down Jack.

"First of all, we got to help Jack keep his cool before he goes all crazed on us, like he did with Pitch," Ashley intervened.

Jack just raised his hand as he started to huff a bit. "Noâ€¦.I'll be

fineâ€|"

"You sure?" She asked.

He just looked at her with his blue eyes. "Yesâ€|.for now.."

"That's good to hear, because we need you to go warn the other guardians," said a voice from behind them all. There standing behind them was Manny. His single curly cue on his head bounced slightly. The group turned around before Jack slowly nodded. He then started to run before flying up into the air and headed to North's workshop. Wind looked at the two girls but he got the look of approvement from both before he followed behind him. The girls then looked at the chubby fellow who spoke to them.

"Manny? Let me guess, you sensed them before we did?" Ashley asked.

"Indeed, but it seems I was late to the party. I felt two presences of darkness, not just Pitch's." He answered.

"That would be correct," Lena responded.

"What did they want?"

"As far as I know, to antagonize Jack,"

"I see, I fear that they are already starting on their plan," Manny huffed a bit.

"And that plan is?" Ashley asked with a raised brow.

"To conquer new dimensions before conquering this one,"

"Oh so the normal super villain schtick," Lena muttered.

"Indeed it is, but I figured out the first dimension they would appear on. For that, I will send Nightlight as your guide," Manny said as he snapped and Nightlight appeared. "He'll take on various forms to aid you on your journey. Tonight we will meet at the pole to send you off."

"Manny, I have a question," Lena piped up.

"Yes, what is it child?" He said.

"Will the people in these world see us?"

"Yes," He said simply before disappearing in a moonlight ray.

"What is with that man and vague answers?" Lena muttered and Ashley just shrugged.

"Wellâ€|.I guess it's time to go to the pole," Ashley said before taking out her brush.

"Wait...Ashley, could you make me a cloak before we go...to hide my wings?" Lena asked sheepishly.

"That won't be a problem, but I can do it there, there's no time to

waste."

"Ok," Lena said before whistling. Soon enough Carmella flew into view and landed by her side. On her shoulder blades was Chartreuse, her loyal sidekick. "Can you shrink down to the size of a house cat now, please?" Carmella nods her head before shrinking. Chartreuse got freaked out and fluffed his feathers up before flying onto Ashley's head. Ashley chuckled as Lena put Carmella onto her shoulders before Ashley made a portal to North's workshop.

42. Traveling to the Land of the Sun

Once the girls stepped out of the portal they were met with the faces of their comrades. Tooth had a look of worry as North tried to calm her down. Wind and Jack were talking behind them, and Sandy was pacing around the room with Bunny. It wasn't long before Bunny spotted Ashley and quickly came up to her and started to search for any bruises or cuts from the evil duo.

"Are you hurt?" He asked her, " Did he lay a hand on you? Cause if he did, I woulda walloped him!" He finally stopped searching as she responded.

"No, he didn't Bunny. I'm fine, really," Ashley stated as she pulled him into a loving hug. Her head laying on his furry shoulder. His soft fur calming her down a bit.

"He was just his condescending self. Making Jack angry and being all stereotypical villain-like Though it did seem that we struck a nerve with him," Lena said with a thoughtful look.

Bunny nodded before looking at North, "So should we let them?"

"Let us what?" Ashley asked as she gently pulled away from him. Her voice was a bit distant and she had a little bit of worry mixed in with her words.

"If you mean going through the portal, then we should. Manny requested them and it is their time to shine," North muttered as his hands clenched a bit. He wasn't happy about letting the newer spirits to go instead of the guardians themselves. He didn't want to see them hurt.

"Indeed it is," Answered Manny as he made his way down the moonlit path that shone from the open window above them all. "Though, I assure you, they are not going alone. I have appointed Nightlight as a guardian." Nightlight was right behind Manny and he bowed quietly to the others as his acknowledgement.

"So...how are we going to do this?" Lena asked with crossed arms.

"I made special paints. These paints make the dimension portals," Manny said as he snapped and a brilliant box of paints appeared. He soon opened them to show the group. Under each paint was a golden number. "Each of the paints are numbered, so that you know which portal to go into."

Ashley's eyes glowed as she spotted the beautiful paints but then she blinked as she realized something. "Wait!" She said with a raised

hand. "How many dimensions do we need to go through?" She asked curiously.

The small man noticed her question and nodded, "At the moment, paints one, two, and three. The others will be used later on."

Ashley quietly nodded as she looked at the three paints. The first one was a delicate purple with hints of gold sparkles within it., the second was a fiery orange, and the third was a deep forest green. All had a certain calling to her, something she thought was quite interesting. She didn't want to bring it up now, now wasn't the time for questions, it was the time for doing.

Manny cleared his throat before continuing his spiel, "All Ashley has to do is use them like her own paints and the dimension portal will appear. Time is dire, we need them to go."

"But, before we do, I had gotten a request," chimed Ashley before she brushed a hand behind her ear and brought out the paintbrush that was hidden there. Soon the brush began to grow in size. She then brought the tip into the air before she started to paint out the form of a black cloak for Lena. In a few seconds the garment had appeared and Ashley grabbed it before handing it to her friend, "As you requested."

"Thank you, Now for a little magic," Lena said as she went to work on the cloak. When the spell was done, she pulled it on her shoulders and her large black wings disappeared within the fabric.

Ashley nodded in approval, "Good, now we mustn't waste anymore precious time. Pitch and Eris could be causing havoc already." She then dabbed at the purple paint before swatching it onto a wall. Soon the wall started to twist and morph until it showed a new image.

"We bid you good luck," Mumbled Manny.

Ashley looked at Bunny once more, a sad yet comforting look in her eyes, before stepping into the portal. Chartreuse, who had been listening the whole time on Ashley's shoulder, closed his eyes as he passed through the swirling painting.

"Ok, Carmella hang on," Lena said softly as the housecat-sized dragon clung onto her shoulder as she hopped into the portal. Nightlight was the last to go through, but before he went in, Manny stopped him.

"Take good care of them," was the last words Nightlight heard before disappearing into the painting. The portal soon began to shrink until the wall returned to normal.

Once Ashley landed on solid ground her eyes scanned before her. As the other appeared she opened her mouth in shock. "I can't believe it!"

"We're in Corona!" Lena gasped.

43. Meet and Greet

The two girls stood there with the look of amazement written all over

their faces. They were standing at the bridge that led to Corona. It's stones glinted in the sun. The castle stood tall and proud in the background. On Ashley's shoulder was Chartreuse, he had his head in his wings for he had taken a nap and didn't even see how they got there. On Lena's head was Carmella, she was looking around interest before she spotted something going around them. It took them a few minutes to fully recover from their shock, and when they did they found a floating lantern started to circle the girls. Ashley noticed it first and admired the silver color and the moon symbol that it had.

"Why is there a random lantern floating around us?" Lena asked with a raised brow as she finally noticed the lantern.

The lantern flashed a bit and Ashley nodded as she finally understood. "I believe it is Nightlight," She explained.

"That explains the silver color and the moon symbol on it."

Ashley nodded before looking at the surrounding area. "So where should we go first?" She asked.

Nightlight blinked a few times before he started to float in the direction of the castle. Ashley shrugs before following him. Lena started to follow but she looked over to the edge of the bridge. It was low enough to hop onto, in which she did. As she hopped onto the edge she began to walk with her arms out stretched on both sides to keep her balance. Ashley has glanced over at her friend but didn't bother to say anything as she was already used to it. Though as the five got closer to the other side of the bridge, they heard bickering.

"What the heck is that?" Lena asked as she hopped off the ledge and landed beside Ashley. Carmella still clinging onto her shoulder as she did so.

"There are only two people who usually do so in this world," Ashley whispered.

"Yeah, and one of them sounds like a horse."

A yell was heard before the sound of hooves against rock got louder. In the distance Ashley spotted someone running towards them, it wasn't long before Ashley sidestepped out of the way but her friend didn't have the same result. The man had ran into Lena.

"Oompf!" Lena stated before falling to the ground. "Ow, what hit me?" She muttered as she rubbed her elbows.

"Not a what, a who," Ashley corrected her as she stood nearby.

Lena quickly looked up to see Flynn Rider as he started to stand up. "Flynn?" She asked as she rubbed from her elbows to her head.

He blinked, "I'm so sorry-" Carmella who had been knocked off Lena's shoulder started to hiss at him as she made her way back to her friend. Slowly she started to grow from her travel size to her normal size. Flynn's eyes grew wide in fear before he started to back up and into something rather tough. He looked up and saw it was Maximus. Max looked at him with a raised brow.

Flynn quickly turns to the white stallion and shook his head. "Don't look at me like that, it was thatâ€¦.that THING!" Flynn pointed to the full sized dragon. The stallion peered over his companion's shoulder to look at the new creature. In a moment, the captain of the guard jumped in front of Flynn and took out his frying pan from his saddle. Seeing that, Flynn fumbled for his own. When he took it out though, he had it facing backwards. It didn't take him to realize this before he quickly turned it over to have the larger end point towards the dragon.

Carmella, by now, was sitting with her head tilted to the side in confusion. "Alright, Carmella, that's enough," Lena stated, "Please shrink down." The night fury nodded before shrinking to the previous size and headed back over to Lena. As she got to her legs, the girl picks her up and places her back onto her shoulder. By then, Ashley and Nightlight came to her side as they looked at the clearly bewildered pair.

"You going to put the frying pans down now?"

Maximus shook his mane as he stayed with the 'weapon' drawn. Flynn on the other side began to freak out.

"Who are you guys! How did that grow and shrink! "He asked as he pointed to Carmella, though he didn't wait for an answer as a few more questions came pouring out of his mouth. "Why are you here! Why is there a floating lantern following you!?" He was going to ask a few more questions but Lena cut him off.

"Ok! One question at a time, and let us answer."

"I am Ashley and this little puffball on my shoulder is Chartreuse., Dragon girl over there is Lena with her dragon Carmella," Ashley introduced to the pair before turning towards Nightlight. "This is Nightlight...our...er guardian."

"He usually doesn't look like this," Lena added before answering the next question. "Now she's not a thing, and she can grow and shrink by magic for convenience."

All of these answers proved to be a bit much for Flynn as he had fainted in the few minutes following after their questions. Ashley just blinked before sighing. "I guess we'll answer the rest later."

44. Jailbirds

Maximus just shakes his head at the fainted man before him. He neighed and shook his mane a bit before looking at the two girls. He motioned his head to the castle and picked up Flynn by his shirt and threw him onto his back before turning around and headed back to the castle. He made sure that the crown was not going to fall as it started to slip out from his bag. Ashley and Lena blinked before shrugging as they followed behind him. Chartreuse, with his wide eyes, was looking around at everything before looking at Carmella who was snug against Lena's neck as they walked. Nightlight floated around them as they walked, he was scanning the area for any activities from Pitch and/or Eris.

Lena then walked up to Max and got his attention. "Let me guess. He stole the crown again for fun?" She asked.

Maximus knickers a bit before nodding his head. Ashley just shook her head, "You do this often?" She asked. The white stallion nodded and looked at the two girls with a smile. "May we speak to the princess?" She asked. Maximus just looked back at the five hesitantly before nodding his head. He knew he was going to keep an eye on them.

"Soâ€¦|.." Lena smirked mischievously as she leaned up to Max's ear. "...is Flynn's real name..Eugene?"

Max just started neighing and knickering loudly before nodding to Lena. Ashley just rolled her eyes softly before looking back up to see that they were closer to the castle gates. The guard's golden armor glinted in the sun as they stood guard. As Max appeared the two quickly, yet clumsily moved out of the way. The white stallion nodded to his men before entering through the gates. The guards watched a bit curiously at the two girls walking by, and their eyes went wide as they saw the rogue lantern following them in. The one guy jumped a bit seeing Carmella move her head while the other looked confused at the variation of color of Nightlight.

Ashley looked over at Lena and shrugged. "I guess after seeing their princess whose hair was magic, and seeing an old witch that lasted centuries, seeing a dragon is very much new." She whispered to her.

"Well, we are not exactly normal," Lena answered.

"Technically, i'm more normal than you," The artist said with a small yet playful smile.

"Except for the fact of your eyes, you do have two different colors of eyes. One is gold,"

"I know, but you have wings," Ashley continued.

"Which they can't see," Lena said as she rolled her eyes.

Ashley was going to say something but then she saw that they were already inside the castle and headed towards the throne room. She decided instead of saying something she would keep it in her head. Soon Max came to the door of the throne room and knocked on the door with his hoof.

A soft, yet regal voice of the queen rang from behind the door, "Come in Maximus." Slowly the doors started to open to reveal a grand room. Columns of white marble rose from the ground to the high vaulted ceilings that had murals of their signature symbol: The Sun. Large windows had let sunlight stream in that cause the room to seem aglow. Purple banners were hanging in perfect rows down towards the thrones. Brilliant tiled floors ran from where the group was standing to the four thrones in the far back.

There in their thrones, was the royal themselves. The king who was stroking his now grayish bear watched as the group came forward. His crown sitting on his head perfectly. Right beside him was the queen,

her long brown hair was neatly styled and she had a small smile on her face. As they walked closer to the royals, the two girls noticed a rather new face as a boy was sitting next to the king.

Lena leaned over to Ashley and whispered, "Oh, they have a son." Ashley nodded in wonder but a bit of happiness because she figured that the two wouldn't just wallow around until they found their daughter.

The boy looked like his father but much younger. His brown hair was neatly styled and his brown eyes watched the two girls and their entourage a bit closely. His small crown barely stayed on his head. There was a guard standing right beside him. As one would expect it, Rapunzel was sitting beside her mother. Her short brown hair had grown a little bit, as it touched the back of her neck a bit.; Her light green eyes shone bright as she watched the group. On her shoulder was Pascal, and beside her chair laid a small table that held a golden whip and a frying pan.

Lena leaned over once more as she noticed the frying pan. "The love of frying pans," Ashley had to hold in a laugh, for it would've been rude and a bit unsettling to the royals before her.

It wasn't long before they stopped in front of the thrones. Maximus, being in front, he kneeled down to show his respect. That was when Rapunzel noticed her husband passed out on the back of Max.

"Eugene!" Rapunzel said quickly as she got up off her chair and ran to the horse's side. Maximus just shook his head at her and knickered at her as he tried to explain what happened. The horse then shrugged Eugene's body off and he landed with his butt in the air and his face slowly slid a bit as it finally went straight. Both Lena and Ashley winced at the scene.

"Ouchâ€¦." Lena murmured.

Rapunzel just rolled her eyes and relaxed as she understood what Max was saying. "Again?" She asked as she grabs the bag and slipped the tiara onto her head. She chuckled softly before picking up her husband and motioned for the guard. "Please take my husband to our room please. He needs to rest." The loyal guard nods and takes his body and throws him over his shoulder and walks away.

The king cleared his throat a bit, "Wellâ€¦.after that little mishap, would you like to introduce yourselves?"

Ashley nodded gently and bowed to him. "Your majesty, I'm Ashley Da Vinci, a simple yet humble artist." Lena was snickering and she just got a glare from her.

Lena then followed pursuit as she also bowed to them, "And I am Lena Draco, a lover of books."

The king nodded before motioning for them to rise before speaking, "and your companions?" He asked, motioning to the two animals on their shoulders, and to his surprise the floating lantern.

Ashley nodded and smiled softly to them. "This little fluffball is my

loyal companion Chartreuse," She said as she brought him from off her shoulder and out into view. Chartreuse was just waking up from a small nap. He blinked open his little eyes and squeaked a bit seeing the new people. A chuckle arose from the artist. Rapunzel was watching Chartreuse with a bright smile and an 'awe' face.

"And this is my dragon Carmella," Lena responded as Carmella poked her head from behind her neck. Her yellow eyes blinked as she watched the new people with a tilted head.

"A dragon?" Gaspd the King and the Queen went wide eyed. Rapunzel just looked amazed as she got up and to her.

"A dragon! I had only read about them in the books I read," Rapunzel cooed as she walked around the girl.

"You would be surprised to see how many legends have truths in them," Lena stated before smiling and looking over to Rapunzel. "You can pet her, she would love that." Rapunzel eagerly went to pet her and shivered a bit as she felt the scales. A small purr escaped from Carmella's lips.

"Just avoid petting under the chin," Lena stated.

The boy then spoke up as he sat up from his chair, "Alright, so you introduced yourselves and your animal companions, but what's with the floating lantern?" He was curious yet confused at the sight.

"Oh!" Ashley said and sheepishly rubbed the back of her neck. "That's Nightlightâ€¦he's usually not an inanimate object, he's usually a boyâ€¦"

"Oh, the poor dear, the boy must have been cursed," The queen said with a small frown. "How unfortunate."

"To be exact, he wasn't really cursed, he's a spirit. He just changes forms, " Ashley tried to explain but from the confused looks she was getting it wasn't really working. She then proceeded to go into a different topic. "Well we have some news,"

"Which is?" The king asked.

"Well...you see your kingdom is in danger. This evil spirit who can control shadow and sand is in your world and he will create havoc with this evil goddess who makes terror wherever she goes! They came to your world by a magic book and will unleash its contents on you with no hesitation!"

The royal family just watched with strange eyes and weird faces. Rapunzel just watched with a bit of fear and was biting her lip. The boy just rolled his eyes a bit.

"Great...you put them into shock," Lena muttered.

Ashley frowned before trying to explain it better. "An evil spirit who wants to control different worlds has teamed up with a goddess from a different dimension to try and capture your world for their own gain! They have powers that you haven't even seen before. The guy can create nightmaresâ€¦"

"Literally!" Lena added.

"The goddess can create storms in a blink of an eye! Her deals are more deadly than a widow spider's bite!"

"ENOUGH! Enough of your lies and stories of fantasies. To the dungeon with you two! If it is true, then you brought death upon this kingdom! Now out of my sight!" Snarled the King. "Guards take these two away! Lock them up in the dungeon!" Soon a couple guards came and cornered the two. Chartreuse was scared so he snuggled closer to Ashley's hair. Carmella was growling and Lena's eyes glowed orange.

"Don't touch me...I will go," Lena said as her body went rigid and the scales became defined. That freaked out the royals..

"Take them away!" The king shouted once more.

The guard took his hands away from Lena but motioned her to go forward. All the while she was muttering, "_ their irrational fears._" Ashley was touched, but she was fine with it, she was more afraid and scared for the family. She almost tripped a bit but she regained her balance as they were paraded through the halls. Passing maids and servants gasped a bit as they watched the two. Some gasps at what they were wearing, others were afraid of Carmella and the scaled lady.

Though as the guards brought the two girls out of the room, there Nightlight had stayed floating around a bit. The king watched a bit with narrowed eyes before the lantern began to blink. Nightlight was trying to explain but it only came out as blinks. The King was getting frustrated. "Why don't you follow them!" He snapped. The lantern blinked a bit before floating after the girls.

The pair had passed through many different hallways and ended up in the dungeon where one guard went and open the iron door. Ashley and Lena walked through the door. Before the door slammed shut, Nightlight rushed in. With a loud CLANG, the door was shut and locked. With a huff the guards left and went to their resumed positions, all except one. He was to guard the newly arrested pair.

Lena just looked over to Ashley, "Now what?"

Rapunzel was contemplating and thinking over all the details that Ashley had said. It wasn't a threat, but a warning, her father was a little paranoid. After the whole 'Gothel' thing. Once she finally thought it over she turned to look at her parents. "Dad! They were only trying to warn us about the danger that might come!"

The king shook his head, "Dear, we are only trying to protect the kingdom and you. We don't want to lose youâ€¦.not again...not ever.."

The girl just sighed and shook her head, "I know that dad, but seriously. They were just trying to help us out."

"I'm not taking any chances young lady, they are staying in the dungeon until otherwise, and that's final!" Her father said as he folded his arms.

"But!" Rapunzel tried to speak.

"No buts Rapunzel, " Her mother said softly. She was on the side of her husband, she wouldn't let anyone tear the family apart. Never again.

Rapunzel just sighed in frustration before she quickly grabbed her whip and the frying pan. She then proceeded to make her way out of the throne room. Pascal was patting her hair, trying to comfort her. As the doors closed behind Rapunzel, the queen was talking softly to the king about what just had happened.

The princess makes her way past the ballroom, the garden, and the servants quarters as she went towards her wing of the castle. It didn't take long before she got to her room. There she went in and spotted Eugene awake and laying on the bed. His face looked contorted as he was thinking of what had happened before he realized he was back home.

"Eugene, are you ok?" She asked softly.

"Yeahâ€¦..not really," He stated softly as he looked back up to his beautiful wife.

"What happened?"She asked gently.

"Well, you see we were playing a game, Max and I, and we were chasing each other. That was until I bumped into a girl and knocked her over. She looked pretty average girl, until I spotted the black scales and the fangs. The girl also had a small dragon that can change sizes!" He said with a wide eyed look and with a exasperated sigh. "The dragon hissed at me and I tried to get answers but...I fainted."

"I saw that," Rapunzel said softly as she rubbed his back a bit in comfort.

Eugene blinked,"How's that? Were you there?" He asked.

"No, but Max had brought you in on his back andâ€¦..shrugged you off with your butt in the air and your face scraping against the floor."

"That's why my face hurts, he's going to get it later!" Eugene stated but shook his head. "Where were the girlsâ€¦..and that...floating lantern?"

"They were thrown into the dungeon," Rapunzel sighed.

"I knew it!" Eugene said with a somewhat proud voice.

"No...they were put into jail for trying to warn the kingdom. My parents just don't understand. We might be in grave danger."

Her husband just blinked and looked back at her with a concerned face.

`After a few minutes, Flynn sighed and shook his head. "As much as I hate to say it, we need to get them out," He muttered.

With gentle yet scared eyes, his wife nodded. "Yeah, let's go," She commented as she headed out the door. Flynn was right on her heels as he closed the door behind him. He glanced up to spot Pascal on Rapunzel's shoulder. He looked a bit pale as he shook his head.

While his daughter was heading towards the dungeon the king was pacing around in his throne room. He sighed as he bit his lip and pondered on what to say and do. After a few minutes he turned to look at his worried wife. "What are we going to do?" They did say that we were in danger."

The queen looked up at him from where she was seated, she was hesitant in what she was going to say but the prince spoke up from beside her. "What if it was those two strange girls?" He asked as he had his head in his hand in thought. The knight beside him grunted a bit in response to his master's thought.

"They are a possibility but then why would they warn us?" His mother finally asked.

"Possibly to fool us?" Countered the king with his arms now crossed and his brow furrowed in thought and worry.

"They could've attacked us when we sent the guards on them. They did have a dragon with them," The son said as he sat up on his throne.

His parents nodded in thought as the queen stood up and headed over to her husband to help calm his nerves. Though as she finally reached his side, the candles on the chandeliers began to flicker until one by one they were blown out. The only light was the dim flames from the small lights on the opposite sides of their thrones. A sudden chill went through out the room and it made the queen shiver in fright. The prince slowly reached for his sword that he had beside him, just in case anything came up. His guard already had his sword unsheathed and ready for battle as he moved a bit in front of him for protection. The king, with his eyes narrowed, drew his sword and looked around warily for anyone or anything that was there.

Slowly the darkness gave way to the shadows forming into smoke and swirling around into a pillar. Soon forms started to emerge as the shadows slowly dispersed to reveal two-human like figures. On the left was a ghastly figure with palish skin and black hair and on the right was a rather curvaceous women with luxurious and long black hair. Her arm wrapped around the man's arm as her peering eyes looked at all the figures in the room. A smirk appearing on her thin lips.

Chills ran down the king's back before he shouted, "Who are you!" His hands clenched around his sword as the two started to laugh at him, and in a dark tone.

Ashley and Lena didn't know what was going on above them as they staid in their cell. Ashley was fiddling with her paintbrush in her hands. A thoughtful look was on her face as Chartreuse was nuzzled into her hair as he slept. Nightlight was floating around the cell as

he watched the two in his lantern form. A dim glowing coming from him. Lena was sitting down with Carmella laying in her lap. AS she petted her dragon's head, she threw a ball of light at the opposite wall. Tap...tap...tap..the sound echoed off the cell walls and out the door. There beside the entrance of the cell was the guard, who was grimacing due to the noise that had formed over the past hour or so.

He was wincing and his hands gripped onto his staff a bit harder until he couldn't bare it any longer. He finally stood up and yelled, " Would you quit it!"

Lena caught the magic ball as it came back towards her before looking at him. "Would you open the door?"

The knight rolled his eyes and gave a look before turning around and started to sit back down. He stretched a bit and let his staff down before placing his arms behind his head in a relaxing moment. "Not in your life time sweet cheeks," he said nonchalantly

Suddenly Lena's eyes turned an intense red as her anger started to boil. As she clenched her fists a bit she looked down at Carmella who had lifted her head to look back into her eyes. The small dragon immediately knew what to do and she slowly got off of her and towards the cell gate. Lena started to to play with the ball of light again as she watched her dragon get closer to the guard, a smirk on her lips.

Ashley saw and heard what happened in the past few minutes. She watches the small dragon slip through the bars and towards the reclining man. She then looked over to Lena and asked, "What did you tell-" She was cut off when she heard the 'fwoosh' of fire and the girly scream of the guard. The art spirit whipped around to see the guard trying to put out the fire on his pants. Carmella was already back in the cell and near Lena so she wouldn't be suspected.

Ashley placed a hand to her lips to try and stifle the laughs bat as the guy started to pat his butt, she couldn't help it. In a mere moment the knight ran off in search of water. The girl turned to look at Lena as she tried to stop laughing..

"I'm glad that I amused you," Lena chuckled as she patted Carmella on the head for a job well done.

Rapunzel and Eugene were heading into the dungeon when they spotted a lone knight sitting in a puddle of murky water. Streams of steam rose up from his now burnt rear end. A couple drops of water dripped down onto his face as he showed the expression of relief. Though he opened his eyes when he heard the two come closer.

Flynn rose his brow before laughing at the sad looking soldier. "What happened? Lunch backfired on you?" He asked as Rapunzel bit her lip and tried not to laugh at his small comment.

The guard glared at the prince before looking at the princess. "It was that nasty brat her and her fire breathing lizard!" He hissed as he folded his arms and narrowed his eyes a bit in thought.

"I heard that! I ain't a brat and she's not a lizard! Numbskull!" Came a distant but loud voice.

The guard paled before bolting up and out of sight, leaving the princess and the prince to watch a bit dumbfounded. When he was out of sight, Rapunzel shook her head before looking at Flynn. He shrugged before heading towards where the voice came from.

Eugene started to follow before stopping in his track as he thought of something. Quickly he turned around and cupped his hands to his face and yelled: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen!"

A burst of laughter was heard as he finished his sentence. Rapunzel chuckled a bit before dragging her husband towards the cell. It didn't take them long to find where the guard had been stationed, for he left his staff on the ground. Right by the burnt marking on the stone where he sat. They peered in to look at the strange group.

"Phew, that was a good one," Lena stated to Eugene as she swiped a tear from her eye with a grin. Ashley just shook her head with a small chuckle of her own.

Rapunzel nodded but looked a bit grim, "Yeah, now let's get you two out of here-" She started to say as she fumbled around with the keys she had for the dungeon. That was until she heard a loud clang coming from above them. That froze her in her tracks and she paled to a ghostly white.

"Oh no!" Muted Lena.

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